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**DOUGLAS DAVIS** 

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PALESTINIAN Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday rejected any linkage between an IDF redeployment in Hebron and stopping PA activity in east Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has been quoted as telling the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that there would be no progress until the PA's Jerusalem offices were closed.

"He [Netanyahu] has to abide by what was agreed on, and not add new conditions." Arafat told reporters in Tunis following talks with President Zine Bin Ali. 1 briefed President Ben Ali on our suffering from Israel's non-commitment to the [peace] deal and on the dangers of the settlement policy," Arafat said.

Arafat, who left Tunis yesterday, also urged Arab states to join efforts to overcome the obstacles facing the peace process between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

"I insisted on the importance of action [to overcome the hurdles], not only by the Palestinians alone, but by all the Arabs," he added. Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), a

senior member of the PA, also ruled out the linkage in a newspaper interview published yesterday.

"This logic is unacceptable to us and we reject it completely," Abbas told the London-based Arabic-language daily Al-Havar. He said that everyone must comply with his commitments."

"We asked the Israeli government to come to the negotiating table and put all their demands," said Abbas. We are ready to discuss every thing.

He said there were "contacts" between the Palestinians and the Israelis which provide "a trace of hope that we can push things forward. I don't see the door completely closed, but there is no room to be completely optimistic...

"I cannot say we are in a state of negotiations, but we are in a situation where there are contacts that will prepare the ground for the future, and we hope the future will bring a serious resumption of negotiations."

While the future remained "difficult and vague," he said was confident that "we are not going to allow things to go backward," adding that he was working to convene a meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat. Abbas said the two sides had made preparations to revive the

activities of a joint economic committee, including naming heads of the two delegations. "There is hope to complete other circles. I mean to revive the higher committee and hold summit meetings between Arafat and Netanyahu," Abbas said.

Meanwhile, in Algiers, PLO official Farouk Kaddoumi discussed with President Liamine Zeroual the "dangers wrought by the latest developments following the Israeli elections," the official Algerian News Agency APS said.

APS said Zeroual pledged to Kaddoumi that his North African country would throw its weight behind the Palestinians and rally worldwide support for their cause. President Zeroual underlined that Algeria intends not only to support the Palestinian cause but it is also ready to do its utmost in order to mobilize all the countries to back the Palestinians in their just cause,"

APS added. Kaddoumi, who arrived in Algiers on Monday, said Netanyahu's "proposals have no meaning and convey no wish to

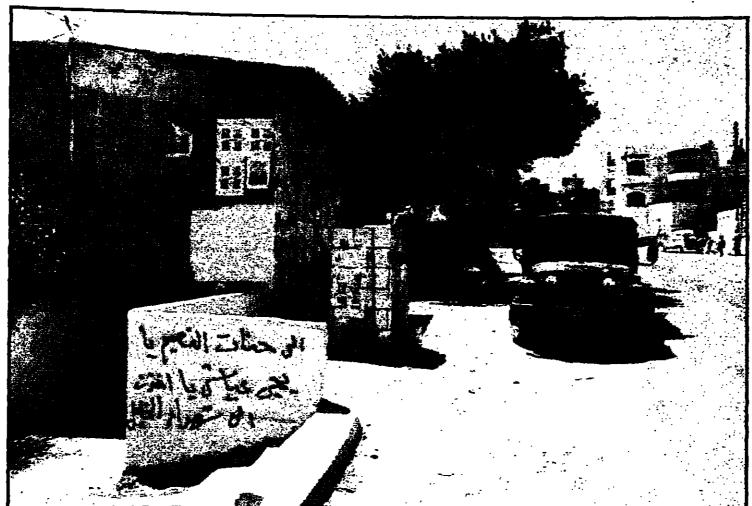
make peace." In Tel Aviv, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said yesterday that, as far as he knew, the government had no intention of redeploying in Hebron

in the near future. Charging that the government was not keeping its commitments to the Oslo accords, Sarid said that if the security situation in the territories deteriorated, it would be

responsible. The problem is not Hebron but Sharon," he said.

He added that Netanyahu had succeeded, in a mere two months, in changing the winds of peace in the region into winds of war.





## Illegal Palestinian security offices near Jerusalem closed

SECURITY forces yesterday closed down two Palestinian security service offices operating just outside of Jerusalem in violation of the interim accords, but left untouched a third office whose illegal operations are also well known.

Palestinian sources said the two offices closed were in the village of Azariya and the office left open is in the adjoining village of Abu Dis, which borders Jerusalem to the east.

Israel had allowed all three offices to operate openly for months, security sources said. Left untouched by security forces was the for-

mer headquarters of the Civil Administration on a hilltop in Abu Dis, overlooking Jerusalem's Old City, which now serves as the headquarters for the Palestinian Authority's Governor of Jerusalem, Jamil Nasser, and the Palestinian Preventive Security Service.

Palestinian and Israeli sources said the Abu Dis headquarters is used as a base for operations of Palestinian security agents in the area's villages as well as east Jerusalem.

Inside, Palestinian suspects are interrogated, but they are then transferred to Ramallah or Jericho if it is decided they are to be held, the **BILL HUTMAN** 

The General Security Service and army, which are responsible for security in Abu Dis and Azariya as well as other parts of what is defined in the interim accords as Area B, have until now ignored Palestinian security activity in the vil-

The sources said there has been close cooperation between the Palestinian and Israeli security forces in the Abu Dis and Azariya area. Israeli sources suggested the reason the Abu Dis headquarters was allowed to remain open was because of the importance Israel sees in this security cooperation.

Palestinian sources noted that the two offices shut down belonged to Force-17, the personal militia of PA Chairman Yasser Arafat. The offices were run by Force-17 commander Jawad Bassa, who has been on bad terms recently with Nasser, the PA district governor.

Nasser was angry about complaints he has received from Palestinian residents, accusing Bassa's men of beating suspects, and had ordered the Force-17 commander to clean up his act, according to the Palestinian sources.

Bassa has not been seen in Azariya for several days. His men also went into hiding before the army raid yesterday. "Force-17" was scrawled in Arabic on the walls of the offices, from which soldiers confiscated documents and equipment.

In reaction to the army's action, Nasser told reporters that the offices shut down were not operating in violation of the interim accords, and were providing important services to local residents, such as mediating disputes.

Nasser charged that the army action was in violation of the interim agreements, and that Israel was unfairly trying not only to prevent the PA from operating inside Jerusalem, but also in areas adjoining the city.

The area was declared a closed military zone during the army's action. Soldiers also tried to forbid reporters and photographers from approaching, despite being unable to provide a written order to the effect that the area was off-

limits, Itim reported. The army spokesman declined to comment on why the Abu Dis headquarters was allowed to remain open, on grounds that his office "does not elaborate on operational considerations."

## Levy: Golan is on the agenda

**DAVID MAKOVSKY and agencies** 

SYRIA knows that Israel is willing to negotiate about the Golan Heights and not just about Lebanon, and therefore should agree to resume the peace talks, Foreign Minister David Levy

said yesterday.

Levy also indicated that during an unscheduled meeting with US Ambassador Martin Indyk, he passed on a message to Syria sug-gesting that both Damascus and Jerusalem should ease the war of words that has escalated over the last few days. Levy said a similar message was also passed on via unspecified Europeans.

A reassuring return message was apparently received yesterday, Channel 2 news reported last night. According to the TV report, the recent tension between the two countries was caused by Syrian troop movements that, according to Lebanese sources, are typical summer maneuvers. The Americans were involved in passing on the message from Syria to Israel, the

report added. Publicly, Syria accused Israel yesterday of launching a hysterical campaign against it and said its recent arms purchases were only for defensive purposes.

The ruling party newspaper Al-Boath also said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was escalating tension against Syria to force it to drop its demand for a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"Suddenly a hysterical campaign is launched against Syria and its defense capabilities with the participation of Netanyahu, his generals and his media networks," Al-Baath

Levy indicated Damascus should not fear that Israel is seeking to deceive it and "flee" negotiations on the Golan due to its interest in a calm southern Lebanon.

"We are not leaving the matter of Lebanon hanging by itself in the air, and Syria knows this," Levy told Israel Radio yesterday. "We are ready to talk about both issues together. Syria thinks we want to talk about Lebanon due to the dangers to our soldiers and citizens, and

then in deception, we will flee from negotiations with it for peace.

This is not our intention...Both tracks are one for us. Syria should not search for an alibi," but come to the peace table, Levy said.

A US spokesman confirmed to Israel Radio that Indyk had been asked by Levy to deliver a message to Syria regarding Israel's interest in renewing peace talks. According to the message, if the talks are renewed, the future of the Golan will be one of the topics of discussion, the spokesman said.

Last week, Netanyahu told CNN that, although he personally pre-ferred to focus on Lebanon first, he is willing to address all issues with Syria "simultaneously." This softening of the government position follows vehement Syrian and Lebanese rejection of a "Lebanon First" initia-

Damascus, however, remains skeptical that Israel is serious about negotiating about the Golan. The coalition guidelines call for the conchusion of a deal with Syria to include "Israeli sovereignty on the Golan," which could be interpreted as allowing for territorial compromise over part of the Heights.

Senior officials say that Syria's insistence on resuming talks with Israel on the Golan is based on a promise by the Netanyahu government to "resume talks where they left off" at Wye Plantation in eastern

Maryland last February. It remains unclear, however, whether this Syrian insistence includes or excludes a reported understanding between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and President Bill Clinton in 1994 tha Israel would ultimately yield the entire Golan upon winning satisfactory commitments from Syria on both normalization of ties and crucial security arrangements.

Officials in the Netanyahu government have renounced this 1994 understanding, but instead want talks with Syria to be held "without preconditions." Earlier this month, Israel submitted its proposal to the US for the resumption of talks with

## Yotam denies murdering terrorists, 'Yediot' stands by story

GENERAL Security Service agent Ehud Yatom flatly denied yesterday that he had murdered the two Palestinian terrorists captured alive after they hijacked Bus No. 300 on its way to Ashkelon, 12 years ago.

Yatom was severely reprimanded by GSS head Ami Ayalon for speaking without permission to the Yediot Aharonot newspaper, which first published the interview last month.

In the interview, Yatom was quoted as saying, "I smashed their skulls." But, according to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office, which is responsible for the GSS, Yatom denied he ever made that statement to the reporter.

"The head of the GSS accepted Ehud Yatom's explanation that the remarks given to the journalist were not for publication but as background," the statement said. Yatom added that the report was "not correct," the statement said. The Bus No. 300 affair, and subsequent cover-up, rocked the

entire security service, blemished

ISRAEL yesterday granted a one-time permit for Palestinian

from the Gaza Strip to Ramallah.

Arafat is due to attend a ses-

sion of the Palestinian Authority

Council in Ramallah, and is also

to meet with former prime minis-

ter Shimon Peres there.

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paratroops officer and today defense minister, and undermined the public's confidence in the GSS's sweeping powers.
Likud MK Gideon Ezra, a for-

mer top GSS commander, stood by Ehud Yatom. "Ehud simply didn't do the things that are being linked with him. And it doesn't matter for the moment what the reporter understood or didn't understand. The fact is that Ehud did not kill the terrorists and did not kill them in the way the report claims," Ezra told Channel 2.

But Yediot stood by its report and said that neither the GSS nor Yatom himself had sought any clarifications on the story, first reported 27 days ago. It added, in a statement, that the newspaper's management chose not to release everything mentioned in the interview with Yatom out of "consider-

ation for the public." Yatom, 48, said at the time of the interview that he agreed to speak out since he was retiring from the Yitzhak Mordechai, then chief GSS with a rank equivalent to that

Government okays Arafat

helicopter trip to Ramallah

issue such a permit. But

rity committee, said yesterday

for the helicopter trip.

that Israel had granted a permit

Israeli security officials con-

firmed that the permit had been

granted. They said that Arafat

Authority Chairman Yasser Palestinian General Ziad Atrash, Arafat to fly in his helicopter a member of the Israel-PA secu-

Last week, the IDF refused to had been given permission to fly

of major-general after 24 years of service. Still it was never clear why Yatom admitted in the interview that he had killed the two surviving terrorists under orders from then-head of the GSS

Avraham Shalom. Yatom, who is the brother of Mossad chief Danny Yatom, said in the interview that he was proud of what he had done. Yatom explained in the interview how be and fellow agents had lied to a government inquiry to frame Mordechai, whose unit stormed the bus, with behavior unbecoming of a commander.

A military court later acquitted Mordechai, and then-attorney general, Yitzhak Zamir, called for Shalom's dismissal. But the national unity government refused. President Chaim Herzog later pardoned Shalom and all other GSS agents involved.

Herzog has said that he pardoned the GSS agents because the whole affair had threatened to cause irreparable damage to the security agency. Yatom stayed in the GSS and continued being pro-

up the Mediterranean coast to the

Hadera area, at which point he

would fly east to the Ramallah

Arafat's helicopter will be escorted by an IDF helicopter

and will not overfly populated

(Itim)

areas, they said.

#### Merom calls for special Knesset session on threat from Syria MK HAGGAI Merom (Labor) is **EVELYN GORDON**

demanding a special Knesset session on what he terms the renewed threat of war with Syria and the threat of a new intifada.

Merom yesterday asked acting faction chairman Eli Goldschmidt (Labor) to collect the 30 MKs' signatures needed for a special session. However, the faction decided not to accede to this request for now, mainly because party chairman Shimon Peres is abroad.

One MK explained that due to a previous incident in which a group of senior MKs met without Peres and were later accused by Peres's supporters of plotting a coup against him, the party is reluctant to call for a special session on a political issue in Peres's absence. Instead, Labor MKs on the

Defense Committee will discuss the issue next week, and the faction may call for a special session once Peres returns. Merom said he asked for the session due to information that Israel's intelligence sources have recently changed their estimate of Syria's

Knesset Foreign Affairs and

intentions, and now see a growing possibility that Syria might "consider the option of war to be a real option." He cited the increasingly harsh statements in Syria's state-owned press, the recent Scud-C tests, the fact that Syria is letting Hizbullah supply itself with new weapons, and the frequent visits to Iran by senior Syrian officials, as evidence

of this change in Syrian intentions. "There were many months in which intelligence assessments said unequivocally that there was no danger of war with Syria," he said. "Now, those assessments are no longer unequivocally in this direction, and that should worry us.

This is a situation which stems from the new government's poli-cies," he added. "The Knesset needs to know this, and the people of Israel need to understand the meaning of a right-wing govern-

Merom said he agreed with Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's statement to the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on Tuesday that there has been no change in Syria's capabilities.

But Syria's capabilities are very, very problematic as they stand, and could be fatal if there was a war," he added. Mînister Yitzhak

Mordechai slammed Merom in a statement, calling Merom's remarks "unauthorized, inaccurate, and irresponsible, and likely to cause unnecessary panic and other damage." He said Israel had no interest in escalating tensions with Syria, and he objected to statements by public figures that could possibly lead to such escalation.

A senior official in the Prime Minister's Office also responded sharply to Merom's statements.

"This is part of a panic-mongering campaign [being waged by the opposition]," he said. "We find it, to put it charitably, counterproductive for the peace process, because it obviously reinforces the intransigence of the Syrians and the Palestinians, and it demoralizes and scares Israelis. And perhaps worst of all, it incites the other side to turn. this into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"The freeze in talks with Syria is now more than nine months old," he added. "Obviously it has nothing to do with the stance and declared policies of the new government."

Furthermore, the official said, it is ridiculous to say Syria has only begun showing signs of warlike behavior in the past two months. It tee said, in a press statement.

has been developing its missileproduction capacity for the past three years, he noted, and it also began building a plant for the pro-duction of chemical weapons during the previous government's tenure. Israel has known for at least a year that Syria has acquired the largest store of chemical weapons in the Middle East, and a recent report by Jane's noted that Syria has built up its air force to a point which goes "far beyond a defensive posture." he continued.

None of this happened in the last two months, the official said, which is why Israel has lodged many complaints in recent years regarding Syria's arms acquisitions.

Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled, a former member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, attacked Merom - at former committee chairman - for violating precedent by calling for a public debate on sensitive intelligence information. Intelligence assessments are usually discussed only by the committee.

"Merom's words constitute political and public irresponsibility," he said in a press statement. The Israeli Left has always behaved irresponsibly when in opposition, and has done everything possible to weaken Israel's position and its bar-

gaming power in diplomatic talks." The Golan Residents Committee, meanwhile, also attacked Merom. "Haggai Merom has volunteered his services to Syria's psychological warfare against Israel, which is meant to threaten Israel into submission to its dictates," the commit-

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Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza was in an uproar yesterday over reports that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has promised the US not to build certain new roads in the territories.

According to council chairman Pinhas Wallerstein, the council received information indicating that Netanyahu promised to build no new bypass roads without the consent of the US.

This would not affect most of the bypass roads, since these were agreed upon between former prime minister Shimon Peres and US President Bill Clinton, he said. However, it would affect two roads which Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon recently

promised to pave - a rerouting of the Trans-Samaria Highway, and a road leading north from Jerusalem through Givat Ze'ev and Atarot, which is eventually to extend out to Ben-Shemen, near Ben-Gurion Airport.

Wallerstein said the council had demanded an urgent meeting with Netanyahu on this issue, and was hoping to be convinced that work has not yet begun on these two roads for purely technical reasons.

"But this [information] matches the fact that since this government took power, not a single bypass road has been built - even those approved during the Peres-Rabin period," he added.

Other than canceling the building freeze order and declarations in the media, we don't see anything happening on the

council spokesman Aharon Domb and deputy council chairman Benny Kashriel said another theory is that the roadwork has been delayed due to lack

Whatever the reason, however. it would be a very serious matter if these roads were not built, they

"We can't believe this story that the roads won't be built, and that there was a promise to the Americans," Domb said. "There have been a lot of positive state-

THE prime minister discussed the

closure with senior ministers yes-

terday, and the government coordi-

nator and Palestinian officials will

talk about border controls today.

The problem of the closure can be stated with scientific precision.

Unless 80,000 Palestinians are

allowed into Israel, the PA econo-

my will not grow. Under 60,000 it

will continue to sink, according to

But the problem is graver than

the numbers indicate. At the

moment 40,000 workers have per-

mits, but fewer actually have jobs

because foreign workers have restricted job opportunities. Some

100,000 legal foreign workers and

as many illegal workers cannot be

located and expelled at a moment's

Terje Larsen the UN coordinator

in Gaza said at a press conference

Tuesday that in addition to the

thousands who cannot cross the

Green Line, 20,000 more Gazans

have lost jobs this year. This is

related to the closure because their

Gaza jobs were dependent on con-

sumer demand, on the import of

raw materials and the export of fin-

ished goods, or on the need to

The businesses that are thriving

include the most visible ones, such

as restaurants, hotels and high-rise

apartment buildings, which cater

mostly mostly to visitors and

members of the PLO and Gaza

elite. Catering to the rich and being

visible, they arouse social envy

and accentuate widening social

gaps. Membership for a family of four

to the new Seagull country club

between Shati and Jabalya refugee

camps costs \$500. Average annual

per capita income is \$700 (down from \$1,200 in 1993).

The PA estimates it loses \$6 mil-

lion a day because of the closure,

make contact with Israeli business-

World Bank estimates.

ments and there's a good feeling, but nothing has happened on the ound - and that gives a very bad

Domb noted that there have been similar disappointments. When Menachem Begin came to power in 1977, there was also an initial period of euphoria, with many supportive statements emanating from the Prime Minister's Office, he said. Yet eight months later, the leaders of the settlement movement were conducting a sitin opposite the Prime Minister's Office, due to the government's refusal to release state lands for

This confrontation, he added, ended very positively, and the Begin government ultimately proved to be a boost to the settlement movement.

"But I can't bear to think of a situation in which I would go to demonstrate or conduct a sit-in against Binyamin Netanyahu, whom we all supported so much and wanted so much," he added.

Wallerstein said the council "would have to act" if Netanyahu had indeed made such a promise to the Americans, but he declined to specify what it might do. Kashriel, however, said he could not foresee a major war over the issue, since the council was reserving this option for Hebron -"where we're concentrating all

We won't go to the barricades over this," Kashriel said. Peace Now, meanwhile, said it would be wonderful if the coun-

cil's fears were proven right, but it did not believe this would be the "The government ministers and the heads of the council are play-

ing a dangerous double game of statements to the press followed by denials, while work is quietly done on the ground," the movement said.

It also charged that the bypass roads would come at the expense of improving dangerous roads within Israel and reducing traffic accidents, since the overall roadbuilding budget was being cut.

but even if the real figure is \$2 mil-

lion, that is about \$600 million a

year or the amount promised by

donors. But \$600 million in dona-

tions does not have the same effect

on the economy as \$600 million

earned in Israel, since more than a

third of the donors' money pays for

salaries of foreign project planners

and for imported materials. Money

earned in Israel goes straight

where it is economically and

socially vital, to families near the

The PA budget deficit has

reached \$127 million and this is

threatening the jobs of many of the

64,000 workers in the bloated pub-

lic sector, though police will prob-

Today government coordinator

Mai.-Gen. Oren Shahor is to speak

about border controls at the

Allenby Bridge with PA Civil

Mohammed Shteyeh, director of the Palestinian Economic Council

for Development and Reconstruction, says that if border controls

were eased, investors who have

fled this year might return and re-

establish factories in Gaza and

absorb many workers who cannot

expect to return to Israel soon.
The government coordinator's

office maintains that in any case

most limitations on goods have

already been removed, that 800

trucks a day leave and enter Gaza

and that trade across the Jordan

River even if it was unlimited

If this is so, and if 80,000

Palestinian workers cannot be

accommodated across the Green

Line daily, the outlook for the PA

economy is grim, with all that

implies for the government's ideas

on peace, which put a premium on

Palestinian economic development

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Nurith and Joel Levi

would be minimal.

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Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi.

in taxes to the PA.

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Painting the peace

process by numbers

JON IMMANUEL



Members of the Bafochi National Ballet of Chile plant a tree yesterday in the Bernardo O'Higgins Jewish National Fund forest in Eshtaol. The planting was part of a ceremony marking Chile's

## Givati soldier makes dramatic recovery

THE Givati Brigade soldier who was seriously wounded in the firendly fire tragedy in south Lebanon early Tuesday morning has made a dramatic recovery. The incident, in which another

soldier. Staff Sgt. Valety Gansman, 22, of Upper Nazareth, was killed, is still being investigated by Northern Command. The operational accident

occurred when a small squad from the Givati Brigade's antitank unit was returning from an arduous mission. They were about 1.5 kms from the northern perimeter of the security zone, in the western sector, when the unit split into two groups.

The advance party was led by the unit commander who suspected, at that time, that there were terrorists in the area. He instructed the forward unit to prepare an impromptu ambush and when noise was heard and silhouettes were spotted from the rear, he reportedly gave instructions to

It quickly transpired, after the initial burst, that the soldiers in the forward section had shot their comrades bringing up the rear of the squad, killing Gansman and seriously wounding Avishai Shafir, 20, of Moshav Shaked. Shafir was treated in the field

and evacuated by helicopter to Nahariya hospital where he underwent emergency surgery for serious shrapnel and bullet wounds to his chest and limbs. After the operation, Shafir was

transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit where he was kept on a respirator. Deputy hospital director Dr. Moshe Daniel said yesterday that Shafir no longer needed the respi-

the ward talking to friends and \*There has been a big improvement in his condition, although he is still being kept in the inten-

rator and was sitting in a chair in

ousness of his wounds," said

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The Northern Command is continuing its inquiries into the tragedy with particular emphasis on why the small squad split into two groups and why neither apparently realized that a break had occurred.

The two groups also, allegedly, did not act in accordance with proceedures and exercises dealing with such situations. The full inquiry into the tragedy is expected to be completed within the next few days, after which the findings will be submitted to OC Northern Command Maj.Gen. Amiram Levine who is expected. in turn, to relay them to Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak.

Meanwhile, there were reports from the zone yesterday that South Lebanese Army troops snatched two Hizbullah activists from north of the zone two weeks ago. The incident, according to the reports, occurred north of the Zumeriya crossing point on the northern perimeter of the zone's

Originally, Lebanese news agencies reported that SLA troops had kidnapped two shepherds. According to the reports yesterday, the two had admitted being Hizbullah activists and one of them had confirmed that he had been instrumental in helping to plan Hizbullah's frontal attack on the SLA's Kawkabeh position over a month ago.

The massive assault was thwarted by the SLA troops manning the outpost who forced the attackers to retreat, leaving large quantities of arms and ammunition in the field.

According to the reports, which were also carried on the SLA's Voice of the South radio, the two suspects had admitted being veteran Hizbullah activists. They are still being held and questioned by

#### Hizbullah decision to run separately a sign of confidence THE Amal Shi'ite movement and still fresh, and with Syrian intervenincluding justification of its role as

its fundamentalist rival Hizbullah appear set to run on separate lists in the remainder of Lebanon's parliamentary elections - a step which could ultimately prove the extent of their respective grassroots populari-

In the previous elections in 1992. been fighting for domination of Lebanon's massive Shi'ite comminity, ran on a joint list.

The pro-Syrian Amal movement and the Iranian-backed Hizbullah fought bitter internecine battles in the streets of Beirut's southern suburbs and especially in south Lebanon, for several years, until a Syrian and Iranian-brokered truce

took effect in 1991.

tion, the two agreed to join forces in Lebanon's first democratic elections since the 15-year-old civil war. Hizbullah, standing for the first time as a political party, did well, winning eight seats in the 128-seat Lebanese parliament as its share of the joint list.

Lebanon, where Hizbullah has been population in the region.

Operation Accountability in 1993 destroyed or damaged hundreds of rocket attacks on Galilee communities. The same occurred during Operation Grapes of Wrath earlier

- DAVID RUDGE

Hizbullah, however, reacted on sive sums of money to the south, to enable the reconstruction of homes through its Islamic Housing compa-

ny, in addition to other aid projects. The Kafr Kana tragedy, in which over 100 Lebanese civilians were killed by accidental IDF shelling of a UNIFIL compound where they were taking shelter during Operation Grapes of Wrath, also

a "resistance" organization fighting to rid Lebanon of the "Zionist occupiers" and their South Lebanese Army allies, appears to have shifted the balance in Hizbullah's favor. In the past, the more moderate Amal had enjoyed the support of the majority of Lebanon's Shi'ite com-

If Hizbullah feels confident enough to run on a separate list in the elections, it indicates that the organization believes it is now strong enough to do well against Amal.

The election results, if Hizbullah does run separately, would show whether Hizbullah's reported support among villagers in the south is genuine or due to a combination of fear and financial incentives. A big win for Hizbullah, howev-

er, would strengthen its anti-Israel stance and its "resistance" forays security zone. It might even increase Katyusha

rocket attacks on the Galilee, if Hizbullah could find the right justification for them

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ing the operation with its Katyusha

#### played into Hizbullah's hands. Moreover, incessant propaganda,

## Palestinian jailed in Wachsman case

THE Lod Military Court yesterday sentenced a Palestinian terrorist to bottom of the social pyramid and 22 years in prison for his part in the 1994 kidnapping of IDF soldier

Zakariya Lutfi Najib, 37, was found guilty of providing the Bir Naballa house, belonging to members of his family, where Wachsman was held by his abductors from Hamas's Izzadin Kassam terror group. Najib also brought food to the kidnappers of the 19-year-old Golani Brigade soldier.

The cousins from whom Najib had rented the house later came to him and told him they were opposed to it being used by the terrorists, but Najib refused to ask them to leave. The cousins then fled to Jordan, the court was told.

The terrorists, dressed as religious Jews, snatched Wachsman from a soldiers' hitchhiking station near Ben-Gurion Airport in October 1994, took him to the

hideout, and demanded Israel free hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in exchange for his release.

One of Najib's accomplices was

jailed last month for his part in the crime. Wachsman was killed when IDF forces stormed the hideout days after the kidnapping in a failed rescue attempt. An IDF officer and three of the kidnappers were also killed in the raid.

Najib's lawyer said he would appeal against what he described as

#### Girl killed in PA security forces crossfire JON IMMANUEL

AN 11-year-old girl was killed in Gaza City's Palestine Square yesterday during a clash between regular Palestinian policemen trying to get fruit vendors off the street and a plainclothes preventive security agent who told them to leave the vendors alone.

The preventive security bureau said the policemen tried to arrest and disarm the agent, who fired a bullet which hit the girl, Riba Nidal Hindi, from Jabalya refugee camp, in the stomach. She was shopping with her father at the time. The bureau said the agent would be investigated.

Five or more security forces operate in Gaza. Although their areas of responsibility are supposed to be well defined, their nembers sometimes clash.

The incident caps a series of incidents in which the Palestinian Police has been severely attacked by Palestinians for its abuse of human rights, primarily the death by torture of two inmates in Nablus and Ramallah jails, and the shooting death of a Hamas supporter in a Tulkarm riot.

#### Yishai seeks to reinstall Torah lessons for IAF **ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

LABOR and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai has demanded that the Defense Ministry order the immediate resumption of Torah lessons at the Tel Nof Air Force

Yishai said the head of the Tel Nof Air Base, near Gadera, had recently ordered rabbis and civilians to stop giving religious studies classes. Yishai said the order was made after a mother of one of the female soldiers on the base complained to the media.

"Dozens of soldiers and reservists serving on Tel Nof Air Force Base have turned to me, through their parents and wives, to help in this spiritual and valuable matter," Yishai said in a letter to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Yishai added he was asked by Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef to "expose this new air force policy." "Repeated demands from soldiers

at the base to resume the lessons were rejected by the soldiers' commanders," Yishai said. Yishai said an awareness of and identity with Judaism increased the motivation to serve among IDF sol-

The IDF Spokesman denied the religious courses were ever halted on Tel Nof Air Base. The army said, however, that two weeks ago rabbis had entered the base to lecture without permits from the proper IDF authorities.

"This was halted, but Torah lessons in the IDF continue as normal," an army statement said. The army stressed that only rabbis who were personally interviewed by the Chief Army chaplain were allowed to teach on army bases.

Meretz MK Ran Cohen vehemently rejected Yishai's demands to continue what he called "letting rabbis proselytize [soldiers] on IDF bases to become newly religious." The IDF does not reject teaching Torah on bases as long as it done under IDF Rabbinate supervision."

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Cohen said in a statement.

THE annual luncheon of Friends of Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem will be held at the city's Laronine Hotel on Monday, August 26 at noon. Mayor Ehnd Olmert will be the guest speaker at the event, whose proceeds will go to the construction of an additional floor for the obstetrics department, the fertility pro-gram and the high-risk pregnancy unit. The NIS 120 tickets to the event can be obtained from Margo Adest, luncheon chairperson, at 02-5636695.

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## Ashdod-TA train line to restart

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim

THE Ashdod-Tel Aviv train line will resume operating next month, four years after an experimental run was stopped for lack of passengers.

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National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday instructed the acting head of the railways, Nahman Levinger, to make arrangements for two trains to run daily in the morning and two in the afternoon. The trains will stop at Rehovot en route.

The train line originally began operating in 1992 but was stopped several months later because of the small number of passengers. Since then, however, Ashdod's population has grown and the roads between the two cities have become more clogged.
Ashdod Mayor Zvi Zilker recent-

ly asked Sharon to restart the train, Zilker said that the municipality

would arrange for easy access to the train station from the down-Meanwhile, a French company

has expressed an interest in the proposed metropolitan railway system to be built in the Tel Aviv area. The president of Matra Hachette, Friedrich de Lasette, who is here at the head of a delegation of transportation and aeronautics experts, met yesterday with Transport

Ministry Director-General Nahum

Langental and informed him the

company was considering invest-

ing the equivalent of NIS 4-NIS 8 million for a study of the project. Matra is considered the leading concern in the field of unmanned automated railways, which have better safety records than those with drivers, a ministry spokesman



LIAT COLLINS

A \$26,000, specially-adapted animal ambulance donated by American supporters of animal welfare here is being held up in the US because the Customs Authority here is demanding \$40,000 in import duties.

The ambulance, complete with air-conditioned cages, resuscitation equipment, stretchers and a tow hook for a horse box, was donated by Chai - Concern for Helping Animals in Israel - and is intended to serve the newly formed Tiberias Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Because ambulances donated to Magen David Adom and public hospitals do not have to pay the import tariff, the vehicle was fitted with all the equipment of a regular ambulance for humans, in addition to its special features.

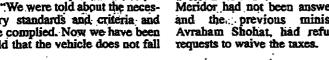
we complied. Now we have been told that the vehicle does not fall into the category of an ambulance and we have to pay full taxes," said Dr. Amnon Orr, the Tiberias municipal veterinarian, who established the local SPCA.

"The situation here is intolerable. There is still no animal shelter in the north. We need this vehicle to help minimize the suffering of seriously wounded animals being transported long distances over rough terrain."

The animal ambulance - a converted Toyota truck with fourwheel drive - would serve the area around Tiberias, the Golan Heights and parts of Galilee.

Erez Ganur, Chai's representative here, said that along with the humane reasons for allowing the ambulance in, it is a way of helping reduce the threat of rabies from stray animals. He said his letters to Finance Minister Dan Meridor had not been answered. Avraham Shohat, had refused

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THANKS to new technology, worshipers soon may hear High Holy Day services like never before. That is, if Ted Drzewiecki has any

High Holy Days in hi-fi

Drzewiecki, president of Defense Research Technologies Inc., of suburban Rockville, Maryland, received a patent last month for a sound amplification system that can be used by observant Jews on

Shabbat and holidays. "When attendance at the synagogues – especially on holy days – picks up, it gets very crowded and noisy," Drzewiecki said. "People

get upset when they go to a service and can't hear it."

Originally designed for the Navy, the sound system uses air jets that manipulate the air pressure in a person's voice, which results in a magnification of sound. The Rabbinical Council declared the system kosher in 1993, and Drzewiecki's creation was demonstrated publicly the next year at the Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton, NY, which recently had been dedicated by moviemaker Steven

Spielberg.

The system got a tremendously positive reaction from rabbis. Dizewiecki said, but the company has yet to receive an order. The problem is that people compare it to Dolby stereo, and ours

sounds like an old-fashioned hi-fi system," Drzewiecki said. "But it's a false comparison because the comparison should be with our system and nothing. They can't have Dolby because it's not kosher."

Defense Research Technologies invested about \$400,000 in developing the sound system and going through the patent process, Drzewiecki said. Meanwhile, he's just "keeping his fingers crossed." (The Washington Post)

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Yad Sarah chairman Rabbi Uri Lupoliansky receives a \$1 million donation to his organization from Jewish Agency Treasurer Hanan Ben-Yehuda, as Yigal Barkan, a Keren Hayesod representative (right), and Prof. Kalman Mann, head of Yad Sarah's presidium, look on. (Yazhak Elhazar Scoop 80)

## Postal head: Post office is not a male service

**ESTHER HECHT** 

THE post office in Jerusalem's haredi Geula quarter must employ women, according to a letter from Postal Authority Chairman Arnos Mar-Haim to Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

In the letter, Mar-Haim said that the eliminate any doubt or misure.

"to eliminate any doubt or misun-derstanding, I have given an unambiguous order to the Jerusalem regional director to employ women in the Geula branch as well as in other branch-

His letter followed a protest to Livnat last week by the Israel Women's Network, a women's

rights lobby.
The protest came after the much-publicized opening of the new branch, when it became known it employed only men so as not to offend the sensibilities of haredi customers.

"The Postal Authority Council never decided not to hire women in the new branch in Geula." Livnat told IWN representatives Monday night. Livnat demanded an immediate response from Mar-Haim, who said his position was

that "just as the Postal Authority serves all residents, both men and women, so it will employ anyone who wants to work for it, without discriminating between men and

Authority Spokeswoman Sigal Galil defended the assignment of only male employees to the new branch as an appropriate marketing tactic.

Prior to the branch opening, an avalanche of press releases stressed the enhanced service the authority was providing the city's

haredi population.
Galil pointed out that the Mea
She'arim branch, which also
serves a haredi population, has
always had only male employees in response to customer demand. We want them to continue being our customers."

But Jerusalem regional director Yitzchak Attias, who makes personnel assignments, said there had been no decision to employ only men in the Geula branch. "It was just chance" that the three employees of the new branch, chosen from a pool of "substi-

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## Russia's Chechen policy in disarray

appeared near chaos yesterday, with conflicting orders and statements, a reclusive president at odds with his security chief and an army making its own conclusions about what to do.

Some Russian analysts said the disarray was aggravated by a complex intrigue in which rivals are trying to weaken security council chief Alexander Lebed, who is charged with overseeing the war in Chechnya.

President Clinton is appealing to Russian President Boris Yeltsin to sidetrack a military assault on Chechr ya as the breakaway region comes under heavy bombardment from Russian troops.

Clinton's letter, sent to Yeltsin this week, cited mounting loss of life in Chechnya and concern that there could be tens of thousands of additional casualties if the assault proceeds, US officials said.

The president wrote Yeltsin expressing those concerns and again encouraging negotiations," said one of the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Clinton contrasted the current volatile situation to last week's when the two sides appeared to be ratcheting

"Our great concern is about the threat to use force," the official said yesterday. "The cycle of violence must end. Renewed fighting only prolongs suffering."

And as the fighting escalates reconciliation becomes more difficult. the official said.

In the rebel republic, the military was poised for an all-out assault on when Yeltsin ordered Lebed to

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separatist rebels in the capital, Grozny, and panicked civilians were fleeing by the thousands after a Russian warning of an imminent

Lebed, under Yeltsin's harsh orders to clear the city of rebels, has all but suggested the ailing president is not in charge, and made a desperate attempt to cut through the Chechen knot yesterday. He scheduled meetings in Grozny with Russian commanders and rebel leaders to seek a "more complex, peaceful solution and not a fight for that or any other city," said spokesman Alexander

Lebed's political fate is largely dependent on his success or failure in Chechnya, and the tough and popular ex-paratrooper general, brought into the Kremlin after his strong showing in Russia's presidential elections, obviously has many foes there.

Analyst Stepan Kiselyov, writing in the daily Izvestia, said Lebed's rivals seem to have plotted to neutralize him by putting him in charge of Chechnya - then making it a mission impossible.

Somebody has initiated a really devilish plan to remove the Security Council secretary from the political arena," he wrote. "A general without an army was thrown into Chechnya, as into a dry swimming pool, and ordered to

continue peace talks, end the fighting and "restore law and order in Grozny," returning the situation to what it was before rebels captured much of the city in a swift offensive earlier this month.

The presidential order came while both sides were trying to enforce a shaky cease-fire initiated by Lebed. Yeltsin, who also was absent from the Kremlin - for nose surgery – when the war began 20 month ago, then left for two days on what aides described as a prevacation trip to a country resort. He returned yesterday, dogged by reports of poor health and even a heart operation.

On Monday, the acting commander in Chechnya, Gen. Konstantin Pulikovsky, issued an ultimatum for civilians to leave Grozny within 48 hours or face devastating air and artillery attacks. For thousands trapped in basements in the ruined city center, escape appeared impossible.

It was not clear who endorsed Pulikovsky's step. Pulikovsky, who lost his son in the Chechen war, may have read Yeltsin's instructions as that endorsement.

Former presidential adviser Emil Payin said Lebed probably knew of the ultimatum in advance. But Ruslan Aushev, leader of. Ingushetia, a region bordering Chechnya, said both Yeltsin and Lebed wanted peace but "Russian generals are putting forward ulti-

The Democratic Russia political movement said the army in Chechnya is becoming "an independent political force.



The parents of 19-year-old kidnap victim An Marchal answer journalists' questions from their home in Hasselt, Belgium. They now know that their daughter and her 17-year-old girlfriend were abducted by convicted child rapist Marc Dutroux but are still hope-

## British help Belgians in sex case

LONDON

THE detective who led the investigation into Britain's "House of Horrors" serial murders yesterday met Belgian police investigating their country's worst child sex scandal, British police said.

Superintendent John Bennett traveled to Belgium to discuss the case as an international hunt widened for two teenage girls abducted a year ago by convicted child rapist Marc Dutroux.

"At the request of the Belgian police, Superintendent John Bennett of the Gloucestershire constabulary will be attending a Wednesday meeting in Belgium," said a police spokesman in Gloucester in the west of England where Bennett is based. Police could give no further details of the meeting.

Belgian detectives asked Bennett, who dealt with the 19month investigation into serial killers Rosemary and Fred West, for advice in their search for further possible victims of an organized

The sight of Belgian police dig-

ging for bodies at the weekend evoked memories of scenes at the house of the Wests, where British detectives excavated the remains of the couple's dismembered victims.

The Belgian investigation went international as Belgium grappled with revelations of deaths, abductions and imprisonment of children by pedophile kidnappers. Belgian police have spoken to a number of countries in their efforts to find two teenage girls who were abducted a year ago.

News reports have highlighted the Czech Republic, Germany, the Netherlands and France. Dutch police have now reopened a number of dormant dossiers on missing children. The West case shares many characteristics the Belgian child-sex scandal in which two children have been found dead, two are missing

Fred and Rosemary West sexually abused and killed young girls and women who were then chopped up and buried beneath the cellar, bathroom and garden of a house labeled Britain's "House of Horrors".

Police became suspicious when they could not trace the Wests' daughter Heather and they dug up the garden in Cromwell Street in Gloucester in 1994.

In similar scenes, Belgian police at the weekend discovered the corpses of two eight-year-old girls thought to have been victims of an organized pedophilia ring who had been buried in a garden.

Convicted pedophile Dutroux and associate Michel Lelievre led police to the corpses on Saturday. The two men were charged on Friday after police rescued two abducted young girls from a house owned by Dutroux. Both girls had been sexually abused. The murdered eight-year-olds

had also been sexually abused, but starved to death and were buried in a garden after being kidnapped in June 1995. Dutroux has denied responsibility for the deaths on the grounds that he was serving a fourmonth jail sentence for theft at the time. He has admitted killing accomplice Bernard Weinstein for letting the girls die.

Dutroux has now admitted kidnapping two other teenage girls but their subsequent fate is a mystery.

Against stem warnings from the prosecutor involved and his own mother, Dutroux was released 10 years early in 1992 from a 13-year sentence for multiple rape and child abuse.

Rosemary West continues to protest her innocence. She was found guilty in November 1995 of murdering 10 women. Fred confessed to killing 12 women and girls but hanged himself in prison before he could face trial. (Reuter)

## German court set to give verdict on US neo-Nazi

Hamburg court will deliver its verdict today on US neo-Nazi leader Gary Lauck, accused of running a worldwide propaganda network which has pumped extremist material into Germany for two decades.

Lauck, dubbed the "farm-belt Fuehrer by US Nazi watchers, has maintained a defiant silence during the three-month trial.

He left his lawyer to argue that the court has no right to try him and that his extradition to Germany last year was illegal. But the attorney held out little hope of an acquittal.

I assume the court will convict him because it has rejected several objections I have raised during the trial and that is the only explanation for the judges' actions," defense lawyer Hans-Otto Sieg told Reuters.

Publishing and distributing neo-Nazi material is illegal in Germany but Sieg insists Lauck broke no laws in the United States and prosecutors have not proved material into Germany.

Prosecutors have demanded five years' jail for the 43-year-old from Lincoln, Nebraska, who heads the National Socialist German Workers' Party Foreign Organization (NSDAP-AO) - a name derived from the full German title of Hitler's Nazi

Lauck is charged with inciting racial hatred by producing anti-Semitic and rightist publications and propaganda including posters, badges and stickers, and distributing them to Germany and the rest of the world from his home in the United States.

Investigators say Lauck, who sports a thick Hitleresque moustache, was the main source of neo-Nazi material in Germany for about 20 years. But prosecutors have concentrated on the last few years in a bid to secure a quick conviction.

Lauck's only remarks to the court came on the opening day of his trial in May, when he gave

HAMBURG (Reuter) - A he was deliberately smuggling flippant answers in fluent German to a judge's questions about his personal details.

He said he was "not sure" if he was still married and, when asked if he had any children, he replied: "Not as far as I know. I have a dog and two cats."

Lauck's conviction would be a major coup for Nazi-busting prosecutors, who have been trying to get him extradited to Germany for trial for years.

Their chance finally came when the US citizen visited Denmark in March last year.

Police detained him there on an international arrest warrant and the courts decided he could be extradited as, although neo-Nazi propaganda is not illegal there, his material was so extreme it violated Denmark's racial hatred

Lauck is also accused of portraying violence and disseminating insignia and propaganda of anti-constitutional organizations in his publications produced in ten languages.

De Klerk apologizes for apartheid miseries CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - Former South conflict intended to help the commission estab- "created the environment within which abuses

African president F.W. de Klerk formally apol- lish as full a picture of who did what, and why, and gross violations of human rights could take ogized yesterday for the miseries of apartheid during apartheid. and said rogue security forces had committed "History has shown that as far as the policy atrocities, but that he had never issued an order to kill or torture.

"I have already publicly apologized for the pain and suffering caused by policies of the National Party. I reiterate these apologies today," de Klerk told Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. De Klerk, whose National Party (NP) imple-

mented apartheid in 1948 and began scrapping it 42 years later, made the apology during a three-hour summary of South Africa's race

of apartheid was concerned, our former leaders were deeply mistaken in the course upon which they embarked," said de Klerk, ousted by President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa's first all race election in April 1994.

Addressing the evidence of hit-squad killings of black activists that has emerged since the collapse of apartheid, de Klerk acknowledged his government and previous ones had approved "unconventional" actions which place".

But he added: "I want to make clear that within my knowledge and experience (unconventional strategies) never included the authorization of assassination, murder, torture, rape, or assault."

De Klerk said some members of the security forces accused him of being a traitor for his dismantling of apartheid.

"It has now become clear that certain elements misused state funds and were involved in unauthorized operations leading to abuses and violation of human rights," he said.

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## South Korean president attacks students

SEOUL (Renter) - South Korean President Kim Young-sam yester-day accused radical students of waging urban guerrilla warfare in support of Pyongyang and vowed to stemly punish North Korean sup-

Kim was addressing the heads of 292 colleges a day after riot police stormed Seoul's Yonsei University to end a seven-day occupation by students calling for reunification with North Korea and the withdrawal of US troops stationed in the

This is a violent anti-government revolution that supports North Korea and can be considered as urban guerrilla warfare," a statement quoted him saying. "The violent forces that challenge government authorities will not be forgiven under any circumstances," Kim said. "The government will never accept violent students who believe

in communism and (will) thoroughly punish anachronistic pro-North Korean forces," he said. About 3,225 students were arrested after riot police stormed a teaching block at Yonsei, smashing

through burning barricades of desks

and chairs and lobbing stun

grenades to dislodge mostly female

"The government will deal with all violent pro-North Korean demonstrations strictly by law," said Kim.

It was the harshest denunciation so far of the student demonstrators, whose leaders have been branded by authorities as Pyongyang stooges intent on using the issue of Korean unification to destabilize the government.

The campus violence was the worst since Kim, a former dissident under the military-backed government, took office in 1993. Students were armed with iron bars and

petrol bombs, and hundreds of riot police, as well as dozens of students, were injured.

More than 5,500 students were arrested in more than one week of unrest at Yonsei.

Authorities have sought to distinguish between what they see as naive students caught up in the protests and the ringleaders who wilfully planned the violence.

Most of the arrested students were expected to get off lightly, but the leaders face prosecution.arrested students were expected to get off lightly, but the leaders face prosecu-

#### Juppe gropes for way out of hunger strike crisis

PARIS (Reuter) - French Prime Minister Alain Juppe summoned nine ministers yesterday to try to break out of a damaging impasse as African immigrants fighting expulsion orders vowed to continue a 48-day hunger strike.

A day after one of the fasters was taken to hospital, the government hinted at a more conciliatory line and Juppe called round-table talks attended by heads of the justice, foreign, interior, and social affairs ministries.

The nine remaining hunger strikers pledged to continue their fast after one was taken to hospital on Tuesday night with stomach

They are flanked by about 300 other protesters occupying the Saint-Bernard church in Paris.

An official said the government would as part of a solution ask the highest administrative court, the Council of State, to review the enforcement of immigration laws, and a kink which means some immigrants cannot be expelled nor granted permits.

Aides said the premier, who returned early from his summer holidays on Tuesday, had consulted the speakers of both houses of parliament, leaders of the two parties in the ruling center-right coalition, and Xavier Emmanuelli, junior minister for emergency humanitarian action.

Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debre, in a letter to actress Marina Vlady who is among protesters, said he shared her concern at the expulsion of illegal immigrants with children legally in France, and pledged not to separate mothers from their children.

At the church, a spokesman for the protesters said 29-year-old Moussa Keita, taken to hospital on Tuesday was in no danger.

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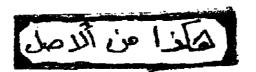
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## The second-hand store can be a real lifesaver

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The cost factor has a lot to do with this new trend, and the difference in price between a completely new garment and one that is second or even third or fourthhand, is enormous.

For people whose job or social life or both require them to dress well, but whose income puts severe limits on their purchasing power, the second-hand store is often a lifesaver.

It offers much more variety than the best boutiques and department stores, and the fit is often better than that of a brand new garment, because someone else's body has eased whatever strictures there were in the original shape.

Personally, I could never bring myself to buy second-hand clothes until a friend of mine opened a store, where I would frequently pop in to say hello.

Sometimes when she was busy, I would browse, hold up a couple of items in front of the mirror and put them back. It wasn't that they didn't suit me. It was just that the whole idea of buying second-hand clothes was anathema.

But not everything in the store was second-hand in the true sense GREER FAY CASHMAN

of the word. Many women brought in unworn garments which had been sent to them by relatives from abroad, and when I bought a French-made suit in this category for only NIS 130, I thought I had a real bargain. But it wasn't nearly as good a bargain as the timeless Christian Dior dress which I bought more than a year

My friend, who is no longer in the garment business, had cultivated women who regularly brought n good quality, designer-label clothes which were so gently worn and so well cared for that there weren't even the slightest hints of underarm sweat marks. With a little black dress occa-

sion coming up on my calendar, I hunted high and low in both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, found nothing that I liked and was unwilling to pay NIS 3,500 for a dress which fitted the bill, but didn't really appeal.

In desperation, I finally landed at my friend's shop - not to say hello, but to moan over the frustration of not being able to find any-

"I think this is what you're looking for," she said matter of factly as she handed me the Dior dress. Indeed it was. It cost all of NIS 180 and it's still bringing me com-

For true individualists, secondhand stores are pure paradise, allowing for a marvelous mix of styles, fabrics and colors which on their own might be considered passe, but put together, make for an exciting, eye-catching outfit.

The biggest patrons of secondhand stores are Russian immigrants, which is why so many of them look so chic in so short a space of time after coming here. Believe it or not, many socialites

also patronize second-hand stores. though not necessarily those in their places of residence. My friend's socialite customers used to come into Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, so that they could be reasonably sure that they wouldn't bump into someone who knew them. And even if they did, they could always say that they were selling not buying.
In fact, for a lot of women, the

second-hand store has become something of a fashion exchange. They bring in clothes they no longer want to wear, thereby chalking up credit in the store. Then, when the fancy takes them, they choose something from the rack, and pay nothing if their credit has mounted sufficiently, or just a small, symbolic amount to supplement the credit aggregate. It's nearly as good as swapping clothes with one's friends.

## Single parents should know their rights

CCORDING to the latest "Meichad Meida" (an information booklet put out by "Meichad-Na'amat," the organization for single-parent families), approximately 72,000 families in Israel today are headed by a single parent. This means that about 150,000 children are growing up without a married mother and father raising them together under the same roof.

One need not rely merely on statistics for evidence of this, however, my own children's classmates include a child adopted by a widow, two born to mothers out of wedlock (fathers known), others with divorced parents, and some whose parents are in the process of sepa-

The "conventional" family unit, it seems, is no longer a given. The legal and social welfare systems - and hence the economy - are gradually being adjusted to incorporate the single-parent phenomenon. And single parents, whether by choice or by circum-stance, need to become informed of their

E.E. was separated from her husband for three years. During this period, the couple rented out their large apartment for a hefty sum, to finance rent for two smaller dwellings. The couple had a legally-binding separation agreement (stating the terms of their property settlement and child custody arrangement), though they were not officially divorced (i.e. they did not have a get).

When a buyer for their apartment came along, E.E. and her estranged husband split the proceeds from the sale in half. E.E.'s husband immediately found a modestly-priced flat for **RUTHIE BLUM** 

himself.

E.E. could not find anything suitable without the assistance of a mortgage. Worried about the high mortgage payments which she could ill afford, E.E. began to inquire about her rights as a "separated" woman. Having been receiving certain benefits from this sta-tus (i.e. discounted municipal taxes), E.E. thought she might be granted some leeway here, as well.

What she discovered - after painstaking treks from government offices to mortgage banks was this, without an actual get, E.E. would not be entitled to special treatment - in spite of her separation agreement.

With a get, she would be eligible to receive quite a high mortgage, with payment terms she could actually manage. In a mad rush, E.E. and her husband made an appointment at the

Rabbinical Court for a get.
The following week, E.E. signed a contract on the purchase of a flat. Had E.E. been aware of the existence of "Meichad-Na'amat," she could have saved herself a lot of confusion. For NIS 20 at a local Na'amat office, she could have purchased a very detailed information booklet for single-parent families, providing her with most of the technical information she needs to know as the "single" head of a household with chil-

"Meichad-Na'amat" director Tzippi Berkowitz stresses the importance of having an organization which not only supports women and men faced with the difficult task of raising children on their own, but which fights to improve legislation on their behalf.

"Though the booklet is very detailed, I nevertheless suggest that single parents come to us for assistance," she recommended.

There are so many facets to this issue, about

which many people are unclear. Our organization provides a variety of counselling services - both emotional and legal/financial - which can be invaluable."

Membership to Meichad costs NIS 50 per year for Histadrut members, and NIS 70 for others. This includes a free booklet, discounts on all services provided by the organization (including counselling, workshops, special outings, a regularly updated newsletter (3-4 times a year), and discounts to cer-

Non-members can utilize all of the services, but at a higher fee. As of yet, the information booklet exists only in Hebrew. A Russian version was available, but it has not been updated. An Arabic rendition is on the way. All services and (oral) information can be provided in

English. For further information or to make an appointment (and/or receive referrals for your specific needs or questions, closest to your home), phone the Tel Aviv office of "Meichad-Na'amat": (03) 522-0662 and ask for the secretary.

You are invited to offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000

## African headdresses make a splash in US

ATS have gone out of style in much of the western world but a show of ancient and modern headdresses from Africa, now traveling around the United States, hints at a small

The exhibit takes note of a widebrimmed straw hat from Bolgatanga in northern Ghana The shape and subdued colors seem to appeal to western as well as African markets," says the catalogue, "for the hats are popular throughout West Africa as well as in shops and street stalls in the United States.

For people handy with a needle or sewing machine, a leading American publisher of patterns McCall's, has come out with designs for African styles in hats and other articles. Staff members of the Fowler Museum of Cultural together, took a look at the African Marketplace in Los Angeles. They came back with a baseball cap made of kente cloth. The brightly colored cloth originated in Ghana, but is now also made in the US. In the Los Angeles market the staff also found Islamic skull caps and a style called the garrison cap in the U.S. army. Both were made of the patterned, mud-dyed cloth



of the Bamana people of Mali in made not only with brightly colcentral Africa. Others used patterns typical of the Asante people in Ghana and the patchwork cloth

serve many purposes. In some areas no self-respecting, fullgrown man will appear in public without an elaborate traditional hat. Babies may be protected from sun and rain by a bonnet made from half a gourd, finely carved with ethnic symbols and tied under the chin.



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tons, mirrors, brass tacks and even

pieces of chain mail that may have

once been part of a knight's armor

Western hat makers could get

some new ideas from a local king

in Ghana, Ejisuhene Nana Diko

III. The catalogue shows him

wearing his great bright war hat

and matching shirt. The show

includes a similar war hat. The

in Medieval Europe.

In Africa, hats and headdresses

Other exhibits in the show are

gold, silver and leather - contain passages from the Koran, which are said to provide the warrior with spiritual protection. The exhibit also shows how western styles influence what

Africans wear. The late reggae star Peter Tosh from Jamaica inspired a wig, now popular in the African republic of Zimbabwe. From a traditional military organization in Ghana, another former British colony, comes a long cotton cap that flows down the wearer's back. The pattern combines the British Union Jack flag and the red-yellow-black tricolor of Ghana. In neighboring Ivory Coast, a former French colony, the old regime is recalled in the shape of wooden hats carved to look like the pith helmet of a colonial gendarme. Some are lined with brightly colored wallpaper.

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The exhibit, called Crowning Achievements, opened at the National Museum of African Art in Washington. It will be at the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, Sept 21 to Dec. 1, and at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, April 22, 1997, to June 15.

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## Fat, and loving it!

chubby, chunky, overweight, obese, plump, pudgy, portly or round. Just "fat."

"The other terms imply a certain judgment that is worse to me," says Wann, the five-footthree, 250-pound editor of Fat!So? magazine. "Fat is a neutral term," says Wann, "like tall, short or old." In these touchy times, it's hard to know what to call anybody anymore. And now comes another politically correct flash, this one from

the digestively disadvantaged. Or rather, from fat people, who want to reclaim the adjective as their own. "That word is so painful," says Lynn McAfee of Philadelphia. "Anytime anyone said that to me, I'd shrink. It was devastating." The 500-pound McAfee finally decided she wasn't going to let people "have that kind of power." So she started referring to herself as fat. Now she

feels fearless. "I wake up every day and see my nude body. I see every crevice. It's fat. It's not an unreasonable description," says McAfee, director of the medical project of the Council on Size & Weight Discrimination. Wann likewise feels liberated. It's the same as when the gay community adopted the term 'queer,'" she says. "Fat people need to come out of the closet instead of thinking that if the term 'fat' isn't mentioned, or if they wear black polyester or vertical stripes, no one will notice." Clearly, the svelte world notices. In

ARILYN Wann wants fact, "fat people are probably the you to call her "fat." Not heavy, hefty, big-boned, legitimate to discriminate against,"

Radford, Virginia. Wann, who I beavy, hefty, big-boned, legitimate to discriminate against," says Edward Abramson, professor of psychology at California State University and author of Emotional Eating: A Practical Guide to Taking Control . "People will come up to fat people and say incredibly rude things," he says. Or they'll poke fun. Witness all the fat jokes in The Nutty Professor, in which Eddie Murphy plays a laughable albeit lovable 400-pound

professor. It should come as no surprise, then, that the semantic struggle is being initiated by a growing fatactivist movement that wants to overcome discrimination and downplay dieting. The movement has gained members in recent vears as the notion that diets fail has gained credibility. (The dietsdon't-work crusade is by no means accepted across the board, and there's an equal movement to get the growing number of fat Americans to lose weight.) The National Association for Fat Acceptance, formerly the National Association to Aid Fat Americans, used to be one of the few fat mouthpieces, but now there are many others. Among the organizations and publications listed in a directory of resources gathered by the Council on Size & Weight Discrimination is an African-American lesbian come-

dy troupe in Seattle called Four

Big Girls, a group in Portland,

Oregon, called Ample

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Wann, who lives in San

Francisco, started publishing the gutsy (and somewhat explicit) Fat/So? magazine two years ago, and there's also a magazine called Fat Girl, which bills itself as a publication "for and about fat dykes and the women who want them." In her work with the size and

weight council, McAfee attends

obesity conferences and talks to researchers to give them her perspective as one of the "affected people." Frankly, McAfee says, most of what I do is show up as a fat woman. I show up and try to dress well." When groups organize, observes Esther Rothblum, professor of psychology at the University of Vermont and co-editor of Overcoming Fear of Fat. they often try to adopt their own language, dropping scientific or medical labels, which are often derived from Latin. Just as "negro" is rooted in the Latin word "niger", meaning black, obese also derives from Latin the past participle of the verb obedere. Warm doesn't like the term "obese", because it implies she has health problems, which she says she doesn't. And "overweight" is just as bad, because it implies that there's "a right weight and a wrong weight," she says.

"I kind of agree with that perspective," says Abramson of California State. "When I do workshops, I always start out by saying that fat is not a four-letter word. It's perfectly acceptable." he says. "And a lot easier to say than adipose." (LA Times-Washington Post)

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## No freelance diplomats needed

thin majority just when his famously cursed political luck was on the verge of finally coming to terms with his grand diplomatic designs, he has every right to feel like Moses on Mount Nebo. But even if regional peace -Peres's version of the promised land - has evaded him, the opposition leader must understand that the validity of the public's verdict cannot be questioned, explicitly or implicitly.

Meeting with old friends in the Arab world is of course Peres's right, but publicizing - well in advance - a meeting with King Hassan while the Moroccan leader reportedly refuses to meet with Israel's premier and foreign minister, is unthinkable. And as for his planned meeting today with Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat, it is hard to see anything positive emerging from such a get-together

Naturally, it is Labor's right - in fact, its responsibility - to challenge the government in the Knesset, in the media and, if necessary, on the streets. But conducting such activity abroad is an entirely different matter.

It was not that long ago that Labor attacked various representatives of the Israeli Right for launching an anti-Oslo campaign on Capitol Hill. Labor was right then, as the Likud is right today, in demanding that opposition activity not extend beyond our shores. Indeed, off-shore anti-government activity is ordinarily the lot of residents of totalitarian regimes, who are barred from speaking their minds in their own countries.

Moreover, Peres's emerging course of action to trot the globe as a self-appointed peace emissary while still donning the title of head of the those whom it did elect.

## Moving to the center

TITH great fanfare, a small hole was drilled into a Tel Aviv street this week. This hole, we are told, is the first step in the construction of the long-awaited Tel Aviv subway system, which itself will eventually be part of a mass transit system linking all of Israel's population centers.

Given the predictions that the number of peo-Indeed, Tel Aviv Municipality officials say the city's roads are already unable to cope with the daily traffic. A rail system would save the nation untold hours in commuting time - which translates, of course, into hours more of productive work time - and would be the catalyst for development in key areas of Tel Aviv and its environs.

With fast, efficient transportation to the center, communities on the city's periphery would become more attractive, and more residents could realize their dream of having a bit more space at homewhile working in the city. The light rail system that would feed into the subway would better link outlying cities like Beersheba with the rest of the country, making them more attractive locations to both live in and invest in.

It is encouraging to see 30 years of talk final-

NE can hardly envy Shimon Peres these days. Having been defeated by a razorterms of promoting peace. Instead, it is more likely to damage Peres's own precarious political reputation.

Peres's plans to act abroad behind the government's back is tragically reminiscent of his illfated "London Agreement" of 1987 with King Hussein, arranged when he was foreign minister. That deal, which would have transformed relations with Amman, was aborted by thenprime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Diplomatically, that attempt to forge a breakthrough with Amman was forward-looking; one could argue it might have prevented the intifada, since the agreement would have placed much of the territories under Jordanian influence. Politically, however, the maneuver merely alienated a great deal of the electorate, which received the impression that Peres was disloyal to his own prime minister.

Freelance diplomacy by former statesmen is neither illegal nor inadvisable. Some people, most notably Jimmy Carter, have been practicing it for quite a while now, with success that sometimes surpasses what they achieved during their terms in office. But to engage in that sort of activity one must first retire from politics, and then be asked by the belligerent parties to arbitrate between them.

Peres, by his own admission, has no intention of retiring until at least next year, when his party settles on its new leader. And so, until he leaves political life, Peres should recognize that while some of our adversaries may be fond of him, his own country did not bestow on him the right to either represent it, or interfere in the business of

ly shifting into action, backed by serious financing plans and feasibility studies. But it is worrisome to hear the wide range of estimates as to when we will see sleek carriages whisking happy commuters down the tracks. Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo says work will

commence within 18 months to two years, but Ports and Railways Authority head Shoresh ple commuting to Tel Aviv is to double by the Lerer says that just to plan the railroad will take year 2010. a subway system for the city's metolitan area is a necessity, not a luxury. systems is a notoriously slow and expensive enterprise, but unless ambitious deadlines are set, things are guaranteed to move forward slowly, if at all.

Israel needs a mass transit system too desperately to leave its construction to a business-asusual bureaucratic time frame. Unlike much government spending, the outlay to build such a system is an important investment in the country's economy and future.

When John F. Kennedy announced in 1961 that before that decade was out the United States would put a man on the moon, many did not believe it was possible. They were proven wrong. Building a mass transit system is not rocket science; the technology and know-how is there. But it may take setting a firm and ambitious deadline to focus the political and bureaucratic apparatus on getting the job done quickly and efficiently.

SACRED COW

Ya'acov Ne'eman's claim of dis-

crimination against the employment

of religious Jews at the ministry of

justice is correct are the facts: The

overwhelming proportion of impor-

tant posts in this ministry are held by

secular Ashkenazis with Labor or

Meretz political views. The most

recent major appointment, State At-

torney Edna Arbel, characteristical-

ly made by the Labor government

just before the elections, typifies

how this clique perpetuates itself.

Needless to say, the grounds are

date laws and a legal establishment

serving specific social and political

interests harm the cohesion and the

survivability of the Jewish State.

The outrage expressed in the media

and the press whenever the compo-

sition and bias of this establishment

are attacked is politically motivated

and hypocritical. It is high time to

end the blind worship of this golden

calf, which is fast becoming a sacred

YOHANAN RAMATI

Bending Judaism to accommo-

always "professional expertise."

Sir, - The clearest proof that



## Second choice first

There are many in Israel who shrug their shoulders with indifference when the word "Hebron" comes up on television, the radio or in the papers. Very few ever visited the city. Most of them would not even contemplate stepping foot anywhere near this second holiest of Jewish cities.

Yet Hebron is a time-bomb waiting to be ignited by the Palestinians.

Control of that city is now the lynchpin in the future plans of both Yasser Arafat and Hamas chiefs. Particularly as the victory of the national camp in the last election made it clear that the Palestinian flag would not be permitted to fly over the Temple Mount as planned by the Labor administration.

That event would have justified the almost daily claim made by the PLO chief that "Jerusalem is now the capital of the Palestinian

people."
That proud moment of Fatah's symbol fluttering high over the Western Wall would have rubbed the noses of every Jew everywhere into the dust as television cameras flashed the shame to all four corners of the globe. Despite the dithering, internal bickering and petty indecisiveness of the Netanyahu government, it is unlikely that any such fawning concession will be made in the name of Oslo's 'Peace in our next four years.

The strategy of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas directed from Gaza, is: "If not Jerusalem, then let us at least make sure of controlling Hebron." To this end, immense pressure is being exerted by Arab leaders, who say that unless there is a full deployment from Hebron as agreed with the last government, the whole peace process will come to an end. This is followed by fearsome threats of fresh violence. There are those who say: "There are only a few

#### **URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG**

hundred Jews there, why not evacuate them? Or if they want to stay there, let them. The army will protect them. If we can have

peace - it's a good deal."

But is it? The terms of the deployment are such that there will be no need to physically massacre the Jews there. The lives of the Jewish Hebron settlers will be strangled. Arafat will have total control of the areas surrounding the Jewish enclave

After redeployment in Hebron, terror groups might rampage to win concessions in Jerusalem

where he will do as he wishes. Already Hebron is the center of the most fanatical terrorist groups in the land. With the city a no-go area like the other cities in Judea and Samaria under Arafat's control, 50,000 or so armed Palestinians will have full freedom to act. Gangs attacking

already use that city as their base. Will the army be able to prevent an expanded terror wave? The sieve-like quality of road blocks is already a joke among Palestinians. None knows this better than Hamas chief Hassan Salame, who organized two bus bomb attacks in Jerusalem and terror acts which resulted in 45 deaths. He said: "We know how to make detours. Nothing in the world is easier. I did it for a full year."

Salame's reign of terror ended

in May, when a quick-thinking Golani Brigade soldier spotted him by luck and shot him from a distance of 40 meters.

JUST HOW close is the link between Arafat and Hamas was seen when the driver of his van was found to be Razik Rajoub, a close relative of Jibril Rajoub, the head of the Palestinian Security Service. Jibril Rajoub wields the big stick for Arafat by arresting, torturing, and killing his Arab critics. In the van were weapons including a machine gun and grenades.

Just how closely Arafat is cooperating with terrorists is clear by the way that the top Hamas terror chief, Mohammed Dief, Salame's boss, is a free man in Gaza. This despite Arafat's claim to a naive Israeli television interviewer that he is "doing his best to stop terrorists operating from the areas he controls."

There is apprehension in intelligence circles that after a redeployment in Hebron, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah groups would go on the rampage, hoping to win concessions over Jerusalem.

Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan (Tsomet) warned a few days ago that there are clear signs that the flow of arms pouring into Gaza, Judea and Samaria, shows no sign of drying up.

The smuggling of 500 Kalachnikov automatic rifles is sufficient to equip an entire regiment of commandos, he said, adding: "There is no control of many Jordanians and Egyptians in the country." These might be intelligence agents determining where how and how best to operate against the Israeli army from either Gaza or, more easily, out of Hebron.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

## **Boys just** want to have fun

LARRY DERFNER

Tow. does the saying go? Be careful what you wish for, because you might get it? I used to wish that Israeli teenagers weren't so gung-ho about the army. All of them, it seemed, were just itching to put on that uniform and strap that rifle across their shoulders.

They dreamed of charging the enemy, of getting the glory and the girls. Their dads took them to artillery displays to admire tanks. Daring commandos, tough officers, "military values," army slang - for Israeli boys this was the best of all possible worlds, the one they looked forward to joining from about age six.

What a dismal bunch of conformists the army was creating, I thought. All they want to be is like their friends, their older brothers, their fathers only more

And this swaggering, this machismo - was there no way to train boys to become soldiers without turning them into chestbeating conquerors? This was a question that didn't appear to have a good answer. On the one hand Israel not only needed soldiers, it needed damn good soldiers, fighters determined to be the bravest and the best.

On the other hand a good society does not glorify fighting with guns, or even learning how to do it. This is not something to love. To my mind, army service is like mopping the floor - it's a rotten job, but it better be done and done well.

Yet with such a sober attitude. would masses of 18-year-old boys be willing to give everything they had to become commandos and paratroopers? Maybe there was no way to motivate boys to become good soldiers unless it was drilled into them that soldiering was a glorious endeavor.

If they stopped believing that warcraft was so wonderful,

#### Army service is like mopping the floor – a rotten job, best done well

maybe they would no longer care to become good at it, and then would we be? we re about to find out. I've gotten my wish, and now I'm beginning to wish I had it back

WHEN DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai asks a roomful of over 100 recruits how many of them want to join combat units, and three raise their hands, while the others explain that they "don't have the strength" and "don't want to strain themselves," we have a problem.

Most of the reasons are wellknown: the selfishness that comes from being nouveau riche; the previous government's premature declaration of peace; the disillusionment since the Lebanon War; and the intifada.

Talking with some teenagers at Dizengoff Center, I heard another reason. "Kids today have complete freedom," they said. "Our parents can't control us: the youth have become stronger, more independent. Nobody wants to stop what he's doing and have some army officer start pushing him around, telling him what to do." Finally, Israel has a youth rebellion, a generation gap. Another wish granted, damn it to hell.

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One 16-year-old boy from Holon actually said he "plans to dodge the draft just like Aviv Geffen." Asked if he believed, nevertheless, that Israel needed an army, the boy replied, "Definitely." Why? "To defend the homeland," he said. Would any of those aching

draftees in the room with Mordechai have suggested that Israel doesn't need combat soldiers? No, they just didn't see themselves in that role. The settler's kids will do it.

The Bnei Akiva kids will do it. These are the only circles where enthusiasm for the army isn't falling fast Sure, there'll still be plenty of

secular combat soldiers, but not like before. We'll have another schism in Israeli society between the secular boys who are ready to strain and those who aren't. This is really not what I had in

mind. Army worship is on the wane, but with it is going one of the truly great things that the IDF engendered the basic principle that if other people are going through hell and risking their lives, then I have to as well.

The danger to our security goes without saying. The bathwater is draining down. I hope we can save the baby.

The writer is a freelancer.

(AP: Reuler)

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### MINORITY RIGHTS After witnessing the travesty of justice on Bar-Ilan Street, I too have

Sir, - In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a famous address in which he stated, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men (and women) are created equal." Although Dr. King was referring to the rights of oppressed minorities in the US, his principles also apply to the rights of haredi Jews who are a minority in Israel today. They are literally being denied equal rights. The conflict surrounding Jerusa-

iem's Bar-Ilan Street demonstrates the degree to which the haredim have been marginalized. Insensitive drivers cruise up and down the street during Shabbat in a blatant display of disrespect for both social justice and Jewish culture. Is it not unjust for the majority to antagonize the haredi minority? Is not democracy based upon respect for minority rights?

ISRAELI ARABS

TRADITIONAL MAJORITY

Sir. - Environment and Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan's decision to cancel the outgoing government's decision to recognize the Israeli Arab village of Ein Hod near the Carmel Nature Reserve is not only unjustifiable, but morally reprehensible. In fact, money was already allocated for infrastructure, some of which was already begun. Some other 40 odd villages have remained unrecognized (some dat-

Sir. - In your editorial of August

that will improve relations with the

secular majority without conflicting

with the interest of the religious

public.'

"Peace at home," you write 7, "Peace at nome, "there are things that can be done relations with the

Jerusalem.

ing from 1948 and before), affecting about 50,000 people. Being unrecognized, they receive no electricity, running water, health services or other basic infrastructure. What is so terrible about recognizing those

a dream. I have a dream that the

Jewish State will strive to protect the

rights of haredi Jews. I have a dream

that Israel will be a state based upon

strong Jewish values rather than

trendy secular whims. Not only that,

I have a dream that Israel will be a

place in which all Jews can come

In order for this dream to become

a reality, the rights of the haredi

minority must be protected. As a

supporter of Prime Minister Netan-

yahu, I respectfully ask that he close

a portion of Bar-Ilan Street in defer-

ence to the religious community

dwelling there. I also call upon secu-

lar demonstrators to cease in their

antagonism towards the religious

community. They, too, must remem-

ber that they are living in a Jewish

MARK HARDIE

together as one people.

villages?
This is just another incident that contradicts those who boast how good our Arabs have it here. JAY RUDANSKY

ZALMAN C. BERNSTEIN. Chairman, AVI CHAI New York.

There is not a secular majority in

Israel. There is a traditional

HULLABALOO

Sir. - All this hullabaloo about the admirers of Yigal Amir and what these young girls said or did should perhaps bring a change to the great freedoms that the press, TV and radio arrogate to themselves. I would suggest that, just as it is forbidden to report juveniles' names in criminal cases, it should be forbidden to interview juveniles without the consent of the parents or lawyer.

MURRAY S. GREENFIELD





The most beautiful woman in the world has gone to pot. At left, Venezuelan Alicia Machado, 19, is seen winning the Miss Universe contest in May; she was so excited that she went on an eating binge, gained 12 kilos, and now, Alicia is fat, fat (above). Alicia was told by pageant officials to lose the blubber - in just two weeks or risk losing her crown. The threat was later rescinded. 'As soon as she won she started to eat,' moaned an official, adding that she has a weakness for pastas and cakes. Alicia stands 1.73 meters (5'7") and weighed 51 kilos (112 pounds) at the time of the contest.

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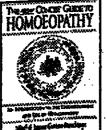
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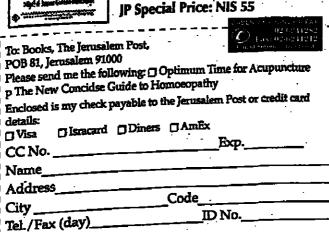
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## Ghosts take over Grozny from the cucumber skew-

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Lered on his bayonet and turned up the volume on a cassette player. A salvo of exploding artillery shells slammed into the next street. He and other separatists listening to the falsetto whine of a Russian rock singer didn't look up as a hail of machine-gun bullets followed the artillery bombardment in the center of Grozny. They had dragged some armchairs into the street and were waiting for night to fall to attack nearby Russian posts.

The Russian generals understand very well that it's impossible to win because they are making war on a whole nation," said a tall rebel officer dressed in Russian camouflage fatigues. "We've got the last of the Russians surrounded. They won't last much longer," he said, giving his name only as Masood.

The bodies of dead Russian soldiers had been tossed into a nearby cellar. Burned-out Russian tanks and armored personnel carriers, gutted by rockets, littered the streets around Grozny's central market. The devastated city has become a symbol of the Chechen fight for independence and the failure of the Russian military to crush the separatists. A few thousand rebel fighters hold the Chechen capital, inflicting a humiliating defeat on one of the world's largest armies.

Huge columns of black smoke from burning oil refineries spiral above the city, visible up to 30 miles (50 kilometers) away. Russian helicopters hover high up in the sky on the city's edges, well out of range of the Chechen guns. Grozny, once home to 400,000 people, is a blackened ruin, its streets empty except for a few fleeing refugees. Bands of young Chechen fighters roar through the city center in captured Russian army vehicles, saluting each other with clenched fists and shouting "God is great."

Russian forces drove the rebels out of Grozny in 1995 after weeks of savage fighting and Moscow had appeared to be wearing down



A Chechen woman walks through the devastated streets of Grozny last week.

the rebels, driving them into the southern mountains. But the rebels captured the city two weeks ago, surprising even themselves by the ease with which they overwhelmed the much larger Russian garrison.

On Saturday, outbursts of fight-ing shook an informal cease-fire in Grozny while Russian and rebel commanders met in southern Chechnya to negotiate details of their uneasy truce. The talks were scheduled to continue Sunday.

President Boris Yehsin promised during his re-election campaign earlier this summer to end the 20month war. But the Russian government and its army are reluctant to surrender what they see as Russian territory and are divided and confused about what to do. Chechen fighters boast that they will not lose Grozny again. "We don't want to only rule the mountains. We like the city and we are going to stay," said Islam Begiek, commander of a rebel assault unit. "Our men want to fight to the finish."

IT SEEMS unlikely the Chechens could hold the city if the Russian

military decided to mount another massive offensive to retake it. There is little left of the city to take. Central Grozny is an abandoned ruin. Scores of buildings and apartment blocks are blackened shells with huge gaping holes where bombs have torn away entire floors. The few civilians still in the city center live like moles in basements, most of them frightened elderly Russians who have nothing to eat but moldy week-old bread. "The Russian government throws away the lives of its own people for nothing. I have no money, no food. Many people have left, but I cannot leave. I have nowhere to go," said Tamara Yegorova, 63, a Russian

woman hiding in a basement. Piles of garbage line the streets. covered with swarms of fat black flies. Plums and apricots rot on the fruit trees lining the streets in many residential districts because there is nobody to pick them. Passenger trains, their windows shot out by machine-gun fire, stand at the platforms at the main railway station, abandoned by their crews when the Chechens

attacked. Parcels neatly wrapped in brown paper stand uncollected on the counter of the station's freight office. Dazed, frightened civilians carrying huge bags stuffed with clothing make their way out of the ruined city. Others flee with nothing, carrying babies and small children in their arms as they trudge silently past. "Careful, there are snipers in the next street," shouts a frightened woman as she hurries past with two chil-

Young Chechen fighters from the countryside are proud of the capital, happily talking about rebuilding it when the country is independent. Grozny, they say, will be an Islamic city and every memory of Russian rule will be erased. Several fighters caught a civilian trying to smuggle vodka into the city despite the Islamic prohibition against alcohol. A fighter wearing a Chicago Bulls baseball cap forced the man to smash the bottle.

"This is a holy city," he yelled at the trembling man. "Scum like you will not be allowed to dese-

## Gay-marriage debate heats up

PAT Lagon and Joseph Melillo met at a dance class, fell in love fell in love, tried to marry, and set off a debate over civil rights, values, American society, morality, the definition of family and the role of government. When the two men in Hawaii were denied a marriage license five years ago, they sued, launching a national controversy that has exercised Congress, the courts, dozens of statehouses, the public square

and even the Jewish community. In the US, marriage is regulated by the individual states and the Lagon-Melillo case, wending its way through the state courts in Hawaii, appears likely to set a precedent, creating a union that would then be valid in the continental US. The US House of Representatives, anxious to limit the impact of the Hawaii case before a single legal marriage, rushed to pass a measure known as the Defense of Marriage Act: an attempt to bypass the constitutional obligation of each state to recognize other states' marriages.

Marriage in the US is a function of civil law, and does not mandate a role for the clergy. Rabbis and ministers are empowered to act as the state's agent, simultaneously conducting a civil marriage and sanctifying it, as well. The Defense of Marriage act has polarways that mirror American society. Agudath Israel has expressed strong opposition to any type of formal, legal recognition of homosexual relationships. The Reform movement, which ordains gay and lesbian rabbis, backs same-sex marriages, and has called the proposed legislation "woefully ill-

advised" and "morally wrong." However, in undercutting the universal recognition of the anticipated Hawaiian marriages, the legislation also intrudes on the right of states to regulate marriage by creating a federal definition of marriage, putting advo-cates of state sovereignty on the same side as proponents of gay marriages. The Hawaiian case has bedeviled a substantial sector of American society, which fears that gay couples would travel to the island state to marry, then claim marriage - and the com**MARILYN HENRY** 

mensurate benefits - in their home states. While the Reform movement's Central Conference of American Rabbis in March endorsed the legalization of homosexual marriages, it has sidestepped a decision on whether to allow its rabbis to officiate at such ceremonies. Instead, the rabbinic conference called its position a matter of "civil rights," leading some rabbis to fume that the movement cannot

call on the government to allow

these marriages, then refuse to

perform them. Elsewhere, the civil rights argument has been challenged. "There's no civil right to marry whomever you wish," wrote David Shapiro, managing editor of the Star-Bulletin in Hawaii, where the fire storm ignited. "Gay and lesbian couples aren't the only ones who can't get marriage licenses. You can't get a license to marry your brother or sister. You can't get a license to marry more than one person at a time. You can't get a license to marry a 9-

year-old child or your horse." One of the broadest strides for same-sex marriage came in the case of Robin Joy Shahar of Atlanta in her suit against the state of Georgia. Although this technithe federal appellate court recognized the sanctity - but not the legality - of a marriage between Shahar and another Jewish woman in a Reconstructionist ceremony.

Shahar had accepted a job as a

staff lawyer with the Georgia Department of Law, which later terminated the offer because of her "marriage" to another woman. In her suit, Shahar alleged that she was fired because of her participation "in a Jewish religious ceremony that is recognized as a marriage ceremony by the branch of Judaism [Reconstructionist] to which she adheres." The union has no legal significance, but does have personal and religious significance, and it can be terminated only by religious authority, the officiating rabbi, the Reform movement's Sharon Kleinbaum, told the appellate court. The court found

that the "intimate relationship between Shahar and her partner whom she planned to marry did not involve marriage in a civil, legal sense but it was inextricably entwined with Shahar's exercise of her religious beliefs." The Shahar decision, when taken in tandem with the Supreme Court decision in the Colorado case, shows an employee cannot be fired for a same-sex marriage, Feldblum said. 'Prejudice can never be a legitimate government

The antagonism toward samesex unions comes as gays have achieved their most significant legal victory in the American courts. The Supreme Court in May struck down a Colorado law that denied gays and lesbians equal protection. "A state cannot so deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws," Justice Anthony Kennedy said in an opinion seen as especially powerful because the court is usually conservative.

objective."

The ruling helps make "a more credible argument for recognition of gay marriage," said Marc Stern, director of legal affairs for the American Jewish Congress. The court, according to Chai Feldblum, a law professor at Georgetown University, said that if a government is going to discriminate based on sexual orienta-"a generalized sense of maintaining the institution of marriage and the family." "It forces the state to give some reason why they are telling two people who wish to commit themselves to each other [that] they deny that right - other than that they don't like gay people," she said.

President Bill Clinton has said he would sign the ban on same-sex unions. But he also reportedly called the legislation unnecessary, and the White House has denounced it as "gay-baiting." Legal scholars have said such a measure likely would be considunconstitutional. Representative Bob Barr, a Republican from Georgia, said after the legislation had passed:

"America will not be the first country in the world that throws the [traditional] concept of marriage out the window."

## Adulterous affair sparks only theoretical guilt Dear Puppy of a Pouter,



ing an affair wife is pregnant. I know you won't

believe this, but he is a wonderful, kind and loving man. This is why he doesn't have the heart to break his wife's heart by leaving her, and why he is so good to me.

I feel guilty - in theory - about being involved in this triangle, but he makes me feel so good (and loved) that I cannot break it off. Let's see you solve this one. Musing Mistress Somewhere in Israel

Dear Mistress in Distress, This problem is not one which I can "solve", any more than it is one which you seem able to "dissolve." Nor is it relevant whether I believe

your lover is a wonderful man. The question to ask yourself here is whether you are secretly hoping for "victory" (i.e. that he'll

**RUTHIE BLUM** 

leave his wife eventually), or can be contented living in a triangle. Since there's no such thing as a brings me groceries when she free spiritual lunch, I suspect that your "theoretical" guilt will evolve into something more tan- to be served a proper meal. gible, internally. This might take the form of jealousy, or the inability to lead a productive life.

It may also cause you great pain. Nevertheless, perhaps you need to live through this experience in order to come to certain realizations about yourself which you haven't been able to confront before.

Dear Ruthie. My mother has always been self-

guaranteed anger-free parents. u-ancumng m ish. I have two children, for whom she never babysits. She never

means your behavior "backfired," you may not be ready to "shed resentment." However, it is possible that this step has contributed to future relations with your mother in positive ways not yet visible.

No column of mine has ever

Unless, that is, you're planning the next repast you can ill afford and don't wish to prepare - as an apology for having attempted to to get a message across.

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## C&W calls for Bezeq public share offering

BEZEQ shareholder Cable & Wireless yesterday called for it to be privatized by offering shares to the public, rather than by selling a controlling interest to a strategic investor. The British C&W holds 10.02 percent of Bezeq's shares.

"Cable & Wireless supports the Israel Government's endeavors to achieve a public flotation of shares and with its privatization of Bezeq," a company statement said yesterday. "Cable & Wireless is in continuous contact with the Government of Israel and will continue to be so." The government retains a 66% stake in Bezeg, with the remainder, after C&W's holdings, having been

sold in a public offering. Though the previous government had decided to offer the shares to the public, many in government still are not certain whether this is the best method, or if a controlling

share should be sold to one investor. The split is not between the ministers and their officials, but rather road to take," said a senior Communications Ministry source. While C&W is clearly the bestplaced company to increase its interest in Bezeq, several potential foreign investors have also expressed considerable interest.

One factor deterring the government from selling a controlling share is time, since it would take much longer than a share floration, as it would require new legislation. Such a move would displease Bezeq, which is calling for early action from the government.

"Bezeq is very much in favor of a flotation," company spokeswoman Ella Bar-Or said last night. "The company is ready for the immediate sale of shares. We are just waiting for the government's decision."

Before that comes, Bar-Or said, the government must work out its approach to C&W, which, since increasing its stake from 7.01% to 10.02% last year, is now represented on Bezeq's board.

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## **Europeans lift liens** on Bezeq's loans

EUROPEAN banks have removed the lien on Bezeq income as a guarantee for loans it took during the past year, the firm said yesterday. Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul said this showed the world banking system was expressing

"full faith" in the company. Until recently, when Bezeq took loans from European banks, it had to give guarantees in the form of liens - some from expected income from overseas calls. When it took a loan from the Swiss bank UBS, liens were placed on \$300 million in income from American telecommunications companies. In addition, \$30m. in income from overseas calls involving European, African and South American telecom companies were used as guarantees to the BW bank, and DM25m. of income from calls between Israel and Germany were put on a lien to the BHF bank.

Bezeq deputy director-general for finances, Avi Hochman, said the company has been getting loans on the international capital markets at good terms and without liens since the end of last year. As a result, Bezeq successfully renegotiated earlier loans to also remove those liens.

## **NATIONAL** INSURANCE INSTITUTE



#### **ALLOWANCE FOR CHILDREN SUFFERING** FROM MALIGNANT ILLNESSES

According to changes in the National Insurance regulations, effective July 1, 1996, the criteria for receiving the "incapacitated child's allowance" for children suffering from a malignant illness, including babies aged over 90 days, have been widened.

#### The principal changes are as follows:

- 1. This allowance was previously paid only during the time the child was undergoing chemotherapy. Henceforth, the allowance will also be paid while a child is undergoing radiation treatment, as well as for six months after the completion of treatment (chemotherapy
- The allowance will also paid to children who suffer from a permanent, serious secondary condition caused by chemotherapy or radiation

#### Level of the allowance:

- Babies and children up to the age of 14 who do attend kindergarten/school for the most part will receive a monthly allowance equal to 25% of the national average wage (NIS 1,222 in August
- Children aged 14 18 who attend school for the most part will receive a monthly allowance equal to 30% of the national average wage (NIS 1,466

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## Grofman resigns as Africa Israel GM

AFRICA Israel Investments' gen-eral manager Shlomo Grofman yesterday submitted his resignation to the holding company's board of directors.

Mordechai Meir, a director in Africa Israel, was appointed acting general manager until Moshe Vidman, general manager of Revion, could be formally installed in Grofman's place.

Grofman announced his decision during a board meeting which gathered in order to discuss his fate. At the meeting, which began Tuesday afternoon and continued through yesterday morning, the directors made it plain to Grofman that if he did not resign, he would be dismissed. Grofman was not actually present at the meeting. but was informed of what was

Grofman was not available yesterday for comment.

During the last few weeks, Grofman has been subject to much criticism from Bank Leumi's board of directors as well as some of Africa Israel's directors. Grofman, who is also chairman of the Migdal insurance company, objected to Bank Leumi's preferred method for selling Africa Israel, which involves splitting the company into its insurance holdings (mainly Migdal) on the one hand, and the rest (real estate,

industry and tourism) on the other. Grofman favors selling the bank as one unit on the grounds that it is worth more with Migdal, while **GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

higher price if Migdal is sold sep-

Several weeks ago, Bank Lenmi signed a letter of intent to sell 40% Migdal to the Italian Assicurazioni Generali, according to a company valuation of about billion. In addition, Bank Learni is interested in reducing its holdings in Africa Israel to 25% from 50% in accordance with the newly revised Banking Law.

Bank Leumi is currently waiting for the Treasury to give it a six-month extension of the December 31 deadline for the sale of its surplus non-banking assets. If it does not receive the extension, the complicated Generali deal will most probably be cancelled and the bank will have to sell Africa Israel as one unit.

Sources close to Grofman said the manager has stated on several occasions that if Migdal is sold separately from Africa Israel or the company is sold off to someone he objects to, he will resign. The sources said they are unaware of Grofman's future plans.

In a press release, Africa Israel's board of directors expressed appreciation for Grofman's contribution to the company. Grofman will remain manager of the firm until September 24.

Until then, he has been asked to train Mordechai Meir, a director in Africa Israel. Until recently, Meir was general manager of Sahar Leumi contends it would get a Holdings, a company controlled by Bino Zadik and involved, among others, in insurance busi-

Meir will manage the firm until it is possible to appoint Vidman as general manager. Vidman, a director in Africa Israel and a close associate of Bank Leumi chairman Eitan Raff, will join Africa Israel as soon as an appropriate replace-ment is found for him at Revlon.

The board of directors has appointed a team of board members to sort out Grofman's retirement conditions.

Grofman, aged 57, joined Africa Israel in 1978. He served as general manager of Africa Israel during the past 17 years and significantly contributed to the company's growth and turned it into one of the more successful real estate, insurance and tourism companies in the country. In the business sector, he is considered a very successful, independent manager that does not give up easily. In the past, Grofman had nasty confrontations with Moshe Sanbar, former chairman of Bank Leumi.

Africa Israel is expected to publish its financial statements for the second quarter in the next few

The company completed the first quarter with a 15-percent growth in net profits - NIS 33.6 million from NIS 29m. in the corresponding period last year. Meanwhile, Africa Israel Hotels,

a subsidiary of Africa Israel, yesterday announced a 360% growth in net profits, to NIS 8.06 million.

## **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Credit Lyonnais denies negligence over rescue loan: Ailing Credit Lyonnais yesterday denied a newspaper report alleging its chairman may have been negligent in taking too long to arrange swap cover for a huge loan that threatens to plunge the state bank-

The report in the Paris newspaper Liberation "is completely false," a bank spokesman said. The daily said the Finance Ministry believed the bank committed a "monumental error" in waiting to cover the loan arranged as part of a state rescue of Credit Lyonnais and said it was targeting chairman Jean Peyrelevade as the culprit. The Finance Ministry said it had no comment on the report which

claimed the bank could have saved billions of francs in losses had it entered into swap agreements on the loan earlier. Swaps are complex financial deals to hedge against risks such as interest rate and foreign exchange movements.

France raps US over Cuba sanctions: France rapped the United States yesterday over its plans to ban Mexican executives from its territory under controversial sanctions on foreign firms doing business with Cuba. "Such a unilateral step, contrary to international trade rules, is not acceptable," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yves Doutriaux told reporters.

France deplores this fresh implementation of a legislation with it firmly opposes, as do its European Union partners," he told a regular news briefing. He said Paris was in contact with Mexican authorities about the case. Mexico's Grupo Domos telecommunications company was the second foreign concern hit by the Helms-Burton law tightening the 35-year-old US trade embargo against Cuba.



A Palestinian shop clerk arranges a display of Pepsi Cola bottles in an Al-Bireh store, after the Palestinian Authority gave merchants until tomorrow to get rid of their stocks or have them seized. The PA temporarily banned Pepsi sales after discovering

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World Trade Organization. in affected by the legislation," it said.

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## Cellcom turnaround boosts Discount Investments' profits

DISCOUNT Investments, a member of the IDB Group, completed the second quarter of 1996 with a 28 percent growth in net profits, mainly due to a dramatic improve-

The investment company announced a second quarter net profit of NIS 50 million compared with a net profit of NIS 39m. in the same period in 1995. Net profits in the first six months of the year grew 43% to NIS 102m. compared with NIS 71 m.

The company's share in the profits of its related companies increased to NIS 53m. in the second quarter compared with NIS 43m. The highest growth was registered in the electronics and communications sector following the dramatic improvement in COMPANY RESULTS **GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

cellular phone operators. ment in the performance of the CellCom, which has 380,000 subsidiary Cellcom. quarter with a net profit of NIS 4m. compared with a net loss of NIS 50m. in the same period last year. Cellcom completed the first six months of the year with a net profit of NIS 12m. compared with a net loss of NIS 90m. in the corresponding period in 1995.

The results were partly offset by Scitex, which reported a second quarter net loss of \$6m. compared to a net profit of \$2m. last year. In the industrial sector many of the companies suffered from the drop in the dollar and increased competition. Iscar, Tambour, Blades Cellcom, one of the country's two Technology, Klil and Mul-T-Lock

all reported lower earnings. American Israel Paper Mills, which signed a partnership agreement with Kimberely Clark in June, registered capital gains of \$13mL In the first six months of the

gains of NIS 13m. from the sale of Supersol shares and sale and capital issue of Nice. The combined revenues of the group's industrial-based companies in the second quarter

year Discount registered capital

increased to \$800m. compared with \$700m. Overseas revenues rose to \$550m, from \$520m. Investments in related and other companies

amounted to NIS 56m. in the first six months of the year. The directors declared an interim dividend of NIS 15m. which

#### a defective shipment was distributed in the territories. will be paid out in October 1996.

#### **Ministry to farmers:** We're trying to help you **DAVID HARRIS**

THERE will be a so-called government "security net" for the prices of locally grown flowers this year, Agriculture Ministry director-general Danny Krichman pledged this week.

Speaking after dozens of farmers demonstrated in Tel Aviv against the possible effects of the cabinet-approved budget cuts, Krichman said the current financial hardship facing growers is receiving intense attention

The Agriculture Ministry is one of those earmarked for sweeping cuts to its 1997 budget, totaling NIS 150 million.

Meanwhile, over the next fortnight, the Agricultural Workers Union will hold nine emergency sessions to examine various ways "to strengthen the struggle against the destructive agricultural policies of

Among the organization's complaints are the continued use of the production councils as controlling and supervising tools; the reduction in the investment budget in agriculture and the increase in the prices of

In recent days the Finance and Agriculture ministries agreed on a compromise water-pricing arrangement.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE - Accountant General

#### Tender No. 11/96: Office Cleaning and Similar Supplies

Bids are invited for the supply of office cleaning and similar supplies, for government agencies located throughout Israel.

The supplies required are:

Plastic bags gloves, closures, and packing materials.
Single-use articles of aluminum, plastic and expanded polystyrene.
Brooms, squeegees, brushes, rush mats, and broom sticks.
Buckets, waste baskets, and plastic containers.
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Various apparatus Textile, metal and plastic products for drying, cleaning, scrapping, and

Preference will be given to Israeli manufactured goods, in accordance with the Mandatory Tenders Law and associated regulations.

Last date for submitting bids: Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at 12 noon.

Bid forms are available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., from August 22 to
September 24, 1996, from the Tenders and Buying Department, The Accountant
General's Office, Room 714 or 715, 7th floor, Min. of Finance Building, 1 Rehov Kaplan, Jerusalem 91131. Bids, by fax only should be sent to 02-317778, giving the following details:

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(at which bidder has an account) Additional details may be obtained from 02-317418, 02-317428. No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.

## Michigan sues tobacco firms for \$14b.

LANSING, Mich. (Reuter) -Michigan became the 13th state to take the tobacco industry to court, filing a lawsuit yesterday seeking \$14 billion in damages from major tobacco firms and their wholesale distributors.

Michigan Attorney-General Frank Kelley said the suit, which names 28 separate defendants, sought \$2b. in restitution to the state for past smoking-related health care costs, \$2b. for future anticipated health care costs and \$10b. in punitive damages.

The suit, filed in Ingham County

Circuit Court in Lansing, also asks the court to order tobacco firms to: · Disclose all research information on the effects of smoking that relates to public health issues.

 Pay for a corrective education campaign on the impact of smoking and nicotine addiction and pay for smoking cessation programs. · Issue corrective statements on the health risks of smoking and

stop ads that target children, · Pay civil penalties for violations of the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Reform acts and pay reasonable attorney fees and costs.

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Yen (10 million yen)

"Every year in Michigan, thousands of addicted smokers die from using tobacco company products precisely as the merchants of death have designed and intended for those products to be used," Kelley

said in a statement. "Through a well-organized campaign of fraud, lies, intimidation and deception, the tobacco companies have avoided legal responsibility for engineering, manufacturing and selling the most deadly and harmful consumer product in history while reaping billions of dollars in profit," he said.

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#### **EU blasts US** moves against Iran, Libya mination to act in the appropriate

DUBLIN (Reuter) - The European Union said yesterday it would appeal to the World Trade Organization if the United States punished European firms doing business with Iran and Libya.

"The EU does not believe that this legislation is an appropriate or an effective means of combatting international terrorism," said a statement issued by Ireland on behalf of the 15-nation EU.

It said the law could damage the system of world trade and urged the US to work with its partners to promote an open international

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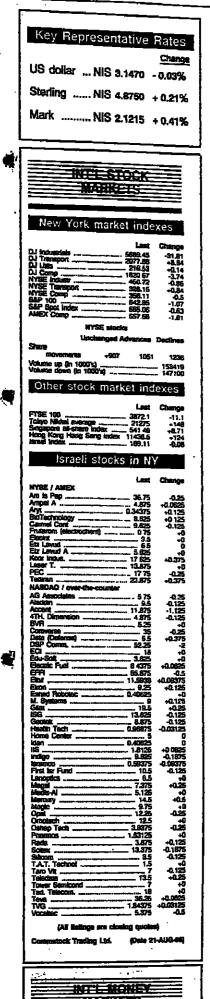
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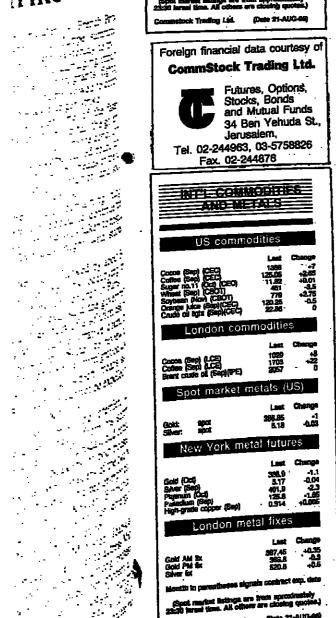
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# Market steady despite Teva, Africa Israel gains

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ROBERT DANIEL



## 182.67 +0.14%

**Two-Sided index** 

STOCKS were little changed yesterday, helped by jumps in Africa Israel Investment and Teva.

Analysts suggested that the Bank of Israel might be buying government bonds, thus helping stabilize that market and easing stock investors' concerns about provident funds.

"The Bank of Israel is intervening heavily, buying bonds in the market," Eli Nahum, co-director of Zannex Securities said. "They intend to stop these sales. At a certain point, you'll see the (bond)

The Two-Sided Index was off 0.09 percent at 172.15, while the Maof Index rose 0.14% to **Maof index** 

182.67. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 46 million of shares traded, 28% less than the month's daily average of NIS 63.6m. More

than two issues rose for every one

that fell. Teva, which represents 9.5% of the Maof Index value, was the most active issue, rising 5% on NIS 4.8m. of shares traded. Traders made up the arbitrage gap that opened when Teva's American depositary receipts rose 11/2 on Wall Street Tuesday.

Africa Israel leaped 5.3% after is CEO Shlomo Grofman tendered his resignation to the (Bloomberg)

## Rate worries push dollar down

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - THE dollar slipped against the mark yesterday and leading European shares closed lower after a respected business climate survey dampened expectations that Germany would

Financial markets' hopes that the German Bundesbank was cut in its main money market rate took a blow when the key confidence barometer issued by the Ifo economic institute emerged much stronger than expected.

Its survey of business conditions in the economy jumped to an eight-month high of 94.1 in July, a sharp rise from a three-month low

Economists had predicted a figure of around 91 for July and were brokerage downgrades of some sudden surge of confidence in a London closed it was about 40 German economic recovery.

The news boosted the mark down. against the dollar and strength- London traders said a modest ened it against other European correction was in order, as the currencies. In late European trad- FTSE - up almost 5% so far this ing the the dollar was off its lows of month - had settled higher for six just above 1.48 marks but still well of the last seven trading sessions. under the 1.49 level it touched in French shares closed sharply

early Europe. cil to trim its securities repurchase day's 1.66% gain. economy.

The main Frankfurt DAX share, 2,000.64. index closed floor trading 16.5 points down at 2543.74 and ex- tions of a German rate cut dimmed tended its losses in post-bourse prospects that the Bank of France electronic trade, measured by the would trim its own rates, particu-IBIS Dax, which closed more than larly in view of franc weakness. 1 percent down at 2534.44.

bourse, which closed on Tuesday does something on Thursday, the at a record high, was boosted to a Bank of France will wait," said fresh intra-day peak of 3,894.4 economist Philippe Brossard of early on after British retail trade ABN-AMRO in Paris.

figures. The data provided Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke with further ammunition if he wants to cut lending rates again on September 4, when British

monetary authorities next meet. Retail sales suffered a surprise 0.6% drop in July, providing evidence that while shops are busy, there is no danger of a runaway spending boom.

But the blue chip FTSE 100 index reversed itself in the afternoon and ended 11.1 points lower at 3,872.1 after a bout of profit-taking and a fall on Wall Street knocked prices back.

The Dow Jones industrial average opened lower and then continued to fall, pressured by profittaking, softer bonds and technology issues. By the time points or two thirds of a percent

lower due to a weaker franc, eva-German bonds and shares fell as porating hopes of a German rate traders took the view that the cut today and the lower start on Bundesbank would no longer feel Wall Street. But the market manunder any pressure at today's aged to remain above the 2,000 meeting of its policy-making coun- level and did keep some of Tues-

rate, or repo, to boost the The blue-chip CAC-40 index ended down almost one percent at

Analysts said weaker expecta-

"The franc is still relatively London, Europe's largest weak. Even if the Bundesbank

#### Dow falls on profit-taking, weak tobacco shares WALL STREET REPORT

chip stocks fell yesterday as investors called time out after a threesession winning streak and tobacco shares plunged as a crucial

Based on early and unofficial

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue- data, the Dow Jones industrial av-

In the broader market, declining issues led advances 12-10 on cigarette liability trial neared an moderate volume of 349 million shares on the New York Stock

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## Mac. TA fails to advance

Draw with Turks sends club to UEFA Cup play

MACCABI Tel Aviv put on a gutsy show in the return leg of its European Cup preliminary tie last night in Istanbul, managing a 1-1 draw against Turkish champions Fenerbahce before one of the most partisan audiences in Europe.

Nevertheless Maccabi's performance was not enough to erase the 1-0 deficit from the first meeting at Ramat Gan, and so Fenerbahce advances 2-1 on aggregate to battle against Europe's top clubs in the prestigious Champions League. The Israelis continue in Europe moving into the first round draw of the UEFA Cup which will be held on Friday.

Unlike the listless displays by Betar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa in European competition this season, Maccabi Tel Aviv put on a professional show. Despite going down to a goal by Augustine Okocha in the 19th minute, the Tel Avivans kept their composure and responded two-thirds of the way through the second half through opportunistic finishing by Eli Driks, and came close to stealing a win in the closing minutes.

Right from the beginning the Tel Avivans showed the 30,000 shricking Turkish fans that they were not prepared to surrender tamely as they opened more con-

vincingly. By the 11th minute the hosts demonstrated that they were beginning to find their stride as they came close to scoring. The next Turkish attack saw Nigerian gold medalist Augustine Okocha force his way into the Israeli area but Alexander Obaroby managed to stop the move.

Avi Nimni then had a 30 meter effort from a free kick blocked at the other end for a corner.

Okacha who was quickly establishing his authority over the game put his side ahead in the 19th minute. Fed from a smart pass by Korkut Tayfun, the muscular midfielder struck hard and low towards the right hand corner of Alexander Obarov's goal. The ball skidded off the surface and although Obarov managed to get his fingertips to the ball, he was unable to prevent the it from crossing the line.

Okacha's strike was greeted by an eruption of noise from the home fans, and his contribution throughout the game suggests that \$3 million transfer fee paid Brazilian coach Sebastio Lazaroni

NEW YORK (AP) - Lou Savarese didn't take

long to hammer home his point that he should

be considered a serious contender, as the

unbeaten heavyweight stopped Israeli boxer

Tim "The Hebrew Hammer" Puller at 2:51 of

the second round in their scheduled 10-round

bout at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday

0). "We showed people what we could do."

"I'm all about business," said Savarese (35-0-

Savarese pinned Puller in a corner and unloaded a barrage of blows to the face of the

Israeli, who wore a Star of David and the red, white and blue of the U.S. flag on his trunks.

Soon, Puller's face was a colorful mess of blood,

and referee Arthur Mercante stepped in to stop

**DEREK FATTAL** 

is a true bargain. The Tel Avivans found it diffi-

cult to move the ball forward into Turkish territory in the next phase of the game, and another of Fenerbache's imports, Bosnian Elvir Bolic almost squeezed through the Israeli defense in the 38th minute.

Just before half time Maccabi showed some muscle in front of goal, with close attempts by Avi imni and Gadi Brumer.

After the interval the Turks were not so dominant and Nir Klinger carved out a chance on the hour, followed by a long range blast from Alon Brumer.

A good omen for the Tel Avivans was that Yvegney Kashnetsev was finding more space to drift for-ward, while Driks was beginning to irritate the Turkish defense.

Maccabi's blow came through a mistake by the Fenerbahce back line, as an attempted headed clearance was intercepted by Driks. The burly striker stole past defender Yagciogly Ilker and seeing Regber Rustu off his line calmly aimed a high lob over the Turkish goalkeeper to score the 75th-minute equalizer.

From then on the Tel Avivans were in the driving seat, and the home fans were screaming for the final whistle a full ten minutes

before time. Avraham Grant added Nir Sevila to the attack in place of defender Amir Shelach for the second goal that would seal Maccabi's place in the Champions' League on the "away goals count double ruling."

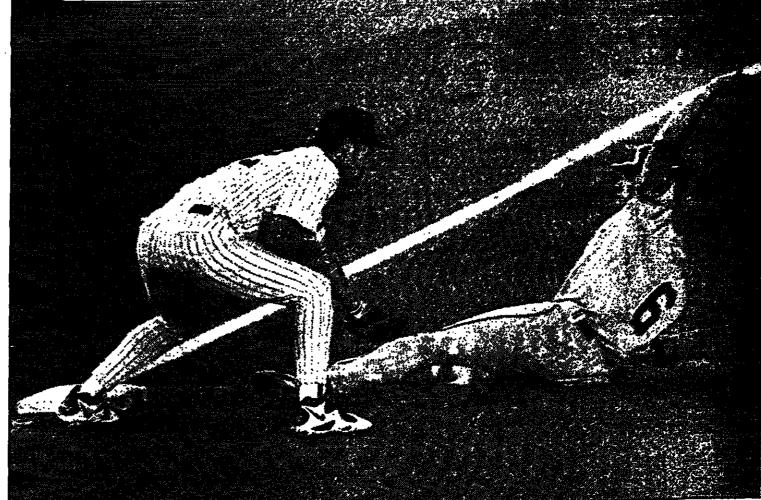
Nimni had the chance to score the most important goal of his career five minutes before the final whistle, but his final shot drifted tamely wide of the right upright.

Two minutes before the end Rustu was booked for time wasting but by then Maccabi were running out of steam and by the end of a couple of minutes of injury time, the clock had run out on this year's attempt to join the elite.

Results of European Cup qualify-ing round second leg matches: Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 2, Rapid Vienna (Austria) 4 (halfilme 1-3). Scorers: Dynamo – Yuri Kalitvintsev (6th), Yuri Maximov (77th) Rapid - Trifon Ivanov (23rd, 42nd), Dihmar Kibauer (32nd), Alexander Khatskevich (62nd, own

Rapid won 6-2 on aggregate

Alania Vladikavkaz (Russia) 2, Glasgow Rangers 7 (2-3). Scorers: Rangers – Ally McCoist (1st, 14th, 19th minutes), Peter Van osseu (40th), Brian Laudrup (55th, 83rd), Charlie Miller (87th) Alania – Igor Yanovski (15th), Nazim olleimanov (penalty 24th)
Rangers won 10-3 on aggregate



NOT TONIGHT, BUDDY - J.T. Snow of the California Angels is tagged out by Yankees third baseman Wade Boggs in the third

## Yankees brutalize Angels, 17-6

Minnesota.

Berkowitz to play in Spain Maccabi Haifa midfielder Eyal Berkowitz will, it appears, play in

Europe after all.

ISRAELI SOCCER BRIEFS

The talented playmaker, who was bitterly disappointed after her failed in his bid to sign a deal with Southampton of the English Premier League, leaves for Spain this morning and expects to sign a contract with Logrones of the Spanish First Division.

Berkowitz's lawyer, Yoel Goldberg, reported yesterday that Logrones sent the player a fax inviting him to join the side.

According to Goldberg, the invitation is to sign a contract with the club and not for a tryout.

Rishon primed to take on Moldovans Ironi Rishon Lezion is hopeful of overcoming a 1-0 deficit against Constructol Kishinyov of Moldova tonight.

The Moldovans took a 1-0 lead in the first leg in Kishinyov two weeks ago, but this time will be without their goalkeeper Sergei Dinov, who was denied entry to the country for falsifying documents when trying to enter Israel previously.

Interest in Rishon for the match was still low-key yesterday and the side will be without their two foreigners Oleg Malukov and Alexander Bogaychuk, who are both injured,

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Yankees spotted California five runs in the first inning before scoring 17 straight runs of their own in a 17-6 rout of the Angels.

Darryl Strawberry singled in the go-ahead run when New York scored six unearned runs in the fourth inning off Dennis Springer (3-2) to take the lead for good Tuesday night. The Yankees, who have 51 hits in their last three games, blew it open by scoring four more runs in the sixth and five in the seventh.

Jim Leyritz homered and drove in five runs, and reliever Brian Boehringer (1-2) gave New York time to get back in it by pitching 51/3 shutout innings for his first major-league win.

Paul O'Neill also homered for New York, which retained its sixgame lead over Baltimore in the AL East

Orioles 4, Mariners 1 Mike Mussina allowed only two hits over seven innings to win his fifth straight start as Baltimore won before 47,679, the largest crowd of the season at Camden Yards.

Eddie Murray, who is two homers short of 500 for his career, went 1-for-2 with two walks for the Orioles. His hardest hit was a sharp single to right in the fourth.

Mussina (16-8) struck out eight, matching his season high, and walked four. Mussina, 5-0 with a 3.03 ERA in

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his five starts since July 26, improved to 7-1 lifetime against Seattle. The Orioles, who have won 14 of 21

games, improved to 17-33 against above-.500 teams Rookie Matt Wagner (3-4) took the

Tigers 16, White Sox 11 Melvin Nieves homered from both sides of the plate for the second time this season as host Detroit snapped an

eight-game losing streak. Nieves drove in a career-high five runs for Detroit, which also got home runs from Andujar Cedeno and Bobby Higginson while roughing up four Chicago pitchers for 15 hits.

Tony Phillips, Robin Ventura, Danny Tartabull and Frank Thomas homered for the White Sox, who lost. for the first time in nine meetings against Detroit this year.

Nieves hit a three-run homer left-handed against Chicago starter Kevin Tapani (11-8) in the first inning and added a two-run homer, his 19th, batting right-handed against Rich Sauveur in the sixth for a 16-8 lead. Richie Lewis (4-6) got the win with three innings of relief for starter Todd

Van Poppel. Red Sox 4, Athletics 3 Mo Vaughn hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning as host Boston ral-lied for its 15th win in 20 games. Boston moved two games below

.500 for the first time since losing the first two games of the season en route to a franchise-worst 2-12 start. Rich Garces (3-2) earned the victor with one inning of scoreless relief and Heathcliff Slocumb pitched the ninth

for his 21st save. Jeff Frye and Tim Nachring singled off Willie Adams to start the eighth and, after Mike Mohler (4-2) came on, Vaughn hit a 1-0 pitch over the Green Monster in left field.

Twins 12, Brewers 7 Marty Cordova hit two home runs in a game for the first time and matched

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Boston 4, Oakland 3 Baltimore 4, Seattle 1 Detroit 16, Chicago 11 New York 17, California 6 Minnesota 12, Milwankee 7 Cleveland 10, Texas 4 Toronto 6, Kansas City 5 (14)

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a career high with four RBIs for host team record.

run second inning and a two-run shot in a three-run fourth. Cordova added a double. Scott Stahoviak also homered and Paul Molitor had three hits, leaving him 38 short of 3.000. Rich Becker, Dave

Cordova hit a solo homer in a six-

Hollins and Matt Lowton also had three hits apiece as Minnesota set a season high with 20 hits.

It was the 12th win in 16 games for Minnesota, but only the fifth in its last 20 against the Brewers, who got two home runs from Dave Nilsson but poor pitching from and Angel

Miranda Jose Parra (5-3) pitched three strong innings in relief of Scott Klingenbeck for the win. Ricky Bones (7-14) took

Indians 10, Rangers 4
Albert Belle hit his 41st homer. Jim Thome hit his 28th and Manny Ramirezhad his third grand slam of the season for host Cleveland.

In a game delayed more than an bour by rain, Texas saw its errorless streak end at 15 games, an AL record. The Rangers failed to tie the major league record of 16, set by the 1992 St. Louis Cardinals.

Albie Lopez (3-4) got the victory despite allowing nine hits in five Bobby Witt (12-9) lost for the first

time in eight starts, giving up five runs on six hits and six walks in 41/3 innings. NATIONAL LEAGUE Braves 4, Reds 1

Terry Pendleton bit his first home run since returning to the Braves, andChipper Jones and Ryan Klesko also hit third-inning homers for host

Tom Glavine (13-7) allowed five hits in eight innings as the Braves won their fifth straight and eighth in nine games. Mark Wohlers pitched a perfect ninth for his 31st save, setting a

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: Chicago 8, Florida 1 New York 7, San Francisco 3 Atlanta 4, Cincinnati 1 Houston 9, Pittsburgh 4 San Diego 3, Moutreal 0 Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 1 Colorado 5, St. Louis 4 (13)

Pendleton, reacquired Aug. 13 in a trade with Florida, broke a 1-1 leading off the third with his eighth homer of the season.

Dave Burba (7-12) gave up all four runs and nine hits in four innings. Cubs & Marlins 1

Florida pitcher Mark Hutton (1-1) walked four of the first five hitters be faced and hit the fifth, helping host Chicago to an eight-run first inning. Pitcher Kevin Foster (4-2) and Ryne

Sandberg each drove in two runs in the inning as Hutton threw only seven strikes in 25 pitches in his five-batter

Foster gave up two hits and walked one over five innings. Mets 7. Giants 3

Bobby Jones (11-7) struck out a career-high 10 batters for visiting New York and a rare infielder's interference call led to four unearned runs in the seventh.

With the score 3-3, Osvaldo Fernandez (5-13) walked Alex Ochoa starting the eighth. Edgardo Alfonzo sacrificed and reliever Doug Creek intentionally walked Chris Jones. Carl Everett grounded a single to

left and Ochoa apparently was thrown out at the plate by Barry Bonds. But third-base umpire Gary Darling ruled third baseman Bill Mueller interfered with Ochoa as he rounded third, and his run was allowed to score. Astros 9, Pirates 4

Host Houston's John Cangelosi tied a career-high with four hits in his first game since a four-game suspension and Donne Wall stopped his fourgame losing streak.

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the carnage.
Puller, a late replacement for the injured

Buster Mathis Jr., put up his best fight after-

"I wasn't really hurt," said Puller (13-5-0).

Before Savarese had energized the crowd of

"Every referee nowadays is worried, but this is

2,517, the biggest cheers had been reserved for the

Shaking off prefight jitters, newcomer Kathy Collins upset Andrea DeShong by unanimous

In the main event, Hector "Macho" Camacho

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## Israeli athletes set national records

**HEATHER CHAIT** 

SPRINTER Ofir Shmueli came home with double honors from an international tournament held in Germany. Shmueli broke his own 110 meters hurdles time, finishing the distance in 14.35 seconds, onetenth of a second better than his national record set last year. Shmueli placed fourth in the

In the 100x4 relay Shmueli

joined with Tommy Cafri, Rafi Yaar and Kfir Golan to smash 25hundredths of a second off the old record which had stood for 12 years. Their new time was 40.86s. In another competition held at Hadar Yosef, triple jumper Rogel Nahum performed his best jump in four years, managing to clear 16.96m. Nahum holds the national record of 17.20m.

Handling the ball In training for the preliminary rounds of the World Championships in October, the national handball team will leave next month for Macedonia

in the visual disability category.

to compete in an international tournament alongside teams from Russia, Bulgaria and Turkey. Israel's first game in the World Championships event will be against Belarus in Minsk on October 2.

Try a triathlon Kibbutz Horeshim in the Sharon district will host their annual triathlon for the 12th consecutive year on September 7. Hundreds of athletes are expected to enter the race which begins on Tel Aviv beach with a 750m

swim, followed by a 21km bicycle ride to the kibbutz and ending with a 5km run. Age groups from 14 to over 70 will be represented. For more details calls (03) 6962286. Family affair for Benayoun
Yossi Benayoun's family flew to
Holland last week with one goal in mind - to clinch their 16-year-old son's soccer contract with Ajax in Amsterdam. After discussions on money matters. Benayoun's place in

the Ajax youth team was finalized and

his parents, younger brother and girl-

friend, Mirit, will be put up for a year

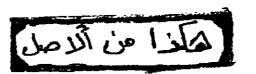
## in an apartment near Ajax's training Carmeli poised for medal at Paralympics

AT the Paralympics in Atlanta yesterday, in lawn bowls for the blind, Tami Carmeli won another victory, this time against Leslie Sa'ad from Canada, 16-25. This victory enabled Carmeli to advance to the medal Yitzhak Berns' chances for a medal in the same tournament are good,

after his victory over his impressive 21-17 victory over his opponent from Hong Kong.

The Israeli volleyball team beat the team from Czechoslovkia, 3-0. Their next game will be against France, over 5th place in the tournament. In the 200 meters final, Yogev Kanzi placed 6th.

The swimmer Ziv Batar, finished 5th in the 400 meters freestyle final, Avraham Tshiwa



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HELEN KAYE

SONIC Youth is here. The eclectic quartet, whose lead guitarist Lee Renaldo astounded audiences at the NEXT alternative music festival in spring, is here to play its particular brand of resounding discords tonight in the Tel Aviv Cinerama at 9 p.m.

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

PARTICIPANTS of the Tel Hai Summer Masterclasses play a concert tonight (8) at the Tel Hai Rodman Regional College as part of the annual summer program which has become a tradition in the Upper Galilee. Tomorrow (4) Emanuel Krasovsky gives a master class.

#### FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* A LITTLE PRINCESS - Alfonso Cuaron directed this gorgeously heartfelt adaptation of the Frances Hodgson Burnett Victorian tearjerker about little Sara Crewe, whose father's reported death sends her tumbling from privilege to poverty at a fancy all-girls school. Written for the screen by Richard LaGravanese and Elizabeth

Chandler, the script vitally mixes the book's porcelain-precious themes about girlhood and the imagination with a harsh view of the grim streets of early 20th-century New York, the trenches of World War I, and the bleaker sides of human nature. (To rid the story of its colonial overtones, the action has been Americanized and its time frame shifted to 1914.) The constant threat of hunger and cold just beyond the cozy charm of childhood gives the film its power. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. General audiences)

#### **TELEVISION**

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

OPERA buffs have a great opportunity to savor one of the classic Russian operas on the small screen, an opera very rarely performed live on stage. Everybody is familiar with the overture to Glinkas' Rusian and Lyudmilla which is often performed independently in the concert hall, but the three and half hours of music netto of the opera itself are less often heard. However, Valery Gergiev has made a point of performing and recording, on both audio and video, as many Russian operas as possible. And here Gergiev's Kirov Opera presents a stunning classical production of Ruslan and Lyudmilla, an epic set in 9th century Pagan Russia, a story about love lost and found, a story of knights, wizards, witches and evil spells, a great story with stunning ballet numbers, beautiful singing and spectacular scenery in the Kirov's very special style. Not to be missed! Tonight (10) tomorrow (6) on the Discovery

**TELEVISION** 

THE CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

**EDUCATIONAL TV** 

8:00 Animals 8:30 Tomcats 9:00 Gaya, Gal and Gill 9:15 Kalimaru 9:30 Huckeberry Finn 10:00 Little Women 10:30 Vacation Studio 13:00 Animated series on animals 13:30 Tomcais 14:00 Gaya, Gai and Gill 14:15 Kalimaru 14:30 Moomins 15:00

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current affairs 19:00 News in Arabic
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Anthology — sto-part series on the story of
the works most successful popular musical
act 23:00 As Time Goes By 23:30 News
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E CHANNEL 2

10:00 BBC nature series 11:00 Super Duper 11:30 Make a Wish (rpt) 12:00 Entid Bryon adventure stories 12:30 Basic Arabic 13:00 A Matter of Time 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Ar 14:00 Tick Tack 14:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Ar 14:00 Tick Tack 14:30 The Boold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshel 17:30 Zehu Zeh 18:00 Kick-of — Opening of the new soccer season 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Hudson Street 21:05 Candid Camera with Yigal Shilon 21:50 The Currie Brothers (1990) — The true story of the Currie brins who grew up in one of the poorer neighborhoods of London, and by the 1960s had become the crime kings of th city. Starring Gary and Martin Kemp00:00 News 00:05 The Currie Brothers, continued 00:15 Ticket for Two 00:30 Fields of Fire 1:40 from the Concert Hall 2:10 On the Edge of the Shell

III JORDAN TV

15:00 From the Koran 15:05 Double Dragon 15:35 NBA Basketball 16:30 Take Your Pick (game show) 17:00 French programs 19:00 The Journal 19:30 News Headlines 19:35 Here's Lucy (comedy) 20:00 Taratata (music) 21:10 Ster Trek — The Next Generation 22:90 News in English 22:25 If Someone Had Known — movie 24:00 Early Matters — comedy 22:25 If Someone Had Know 24:00 Family Matters - comedy

IN MIDDLE EAST TV

8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Seven Alone (1975) — Following the deaths of their parents, seven children travel alone for 2,000 miles across the wilderness in search of a new and better life. Starring Dewey Martin and Aldo Ray. (90 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 18:30 Dennis the Menace 18:55 Mask 17:20 Diplodo 17:45 Front Runners 18:40 The A-Team 19:30

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#### CABLE

**■** ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News 16:15 Lift Nager's World of Art 17:15 Zohara and the Unknown Man 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Today -news in Russian 20:00 Mabat news 20:15 Telekossel 21:15 Paris Vu Par (1969) - An example of French new wave cinema, the film, with Paris as its common denominator, is based on skr plots directed by six direc-tors, (98 mins.) 22:50 International. crime 23:00 Video Clips

**ETV 2 (23)** 

15:30 Vacation Time 18:00 Butterfly Island 18:30 A Kind of Fernity (rpt) 19:30 Point of View 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subtitles 20:30 Family Album 21:00 70 Paces 21:30 How Did it All Begin? – three-part documentary series 22:30 Star Troic Next Generation 23:15 Jazzz at the end of the surmer.

III FAMELY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (pt) 9:00 One Life to Live (pt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt) 11:20 Perla Negra (pt) 12:10 Neighbors (pt) 12:25 Dailss (pt) 13:30 Staring at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dailss 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Baywatch Nights 21:40 Renegade 22:30 The New Untourlables – suspense 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Melrosa Place 00:35 Robin's Hoods 1:20 Hill Street Blues 2:10 Return to Eden 3:00 Medicine Bail – drama 3:45 ENG – drama

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 La Gioire de Mon Pere (1990, French) — first instaliment of Marcel Pagnot's childhood memories of Provence (rpt) 13:20 Room at the Top (1959) — An ambitious young working-class man sacrifices love and marries the boss's daughter in order to get ahead. With Laurence Harvey, Simone Signoret and Heather Sears. Directed by Jack Clayton (112 mins.) 15:15 Seeing Stars 15:40 Storia de Regazze (1991, Italian) — a bourgeous's boy from Bologna becomes engaged to a country grif from Tuscarry (rpt) 17:10 Gun Bus (1990) — Two adventurers are caught committing a robbery and sent to the French front during World War L En route, they decide to erroy the pleasures of Paris (88 mins.) 18:45 Confessions (1994) — a top student and ajuvenile delinquent both confess to the same murder (rpt) 20:20 Hijacked: Flight 295 (1996) — a psychopath hijacks a plane and a pair of FBI agents set out to save the hostages and capture the hijacker (rpt) 22:00 Another 48 Hours (1990) — Eddie Murphy and Nick Note strike again, when the tough cop is accused of committee and through cut of the police and (1990) – Eddie Murphy and Nick Noite strike again, when the tough cop is accused of comuption and thrown out of the police and asics his slippery friend, newly out of jall, for help. Directed by Walter Hill (91 mins.) 23:40 Le Solitaire (1987, French) – A police inspector adopts the son of his best friend after his father is murdered and vows revenge on the murderer, who later kidnaps the boy, leading to a life-and-death showdown between the two. With Jean-Paul Beltmond (92 mins.) 1:15 Never Say Die (1994) – a former Special Forces soldier who was left for dead by his treacherous commander suddenly has the opportunity to

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E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Temptation of a Monk (1993, Chinese) – A general in the army of a Chinese prince helps his lord's brother take power, then flees to a monestery to escape the bloodbath and to view himself and the world in another light. However, his pessionate past, in the shape of the princess who loves him, reluses to let him go. With Joan Chen (113 mins.) 90:00 Le Petit Prince A Dit ... (1992, French) – an estranged couple finds their life changing when a malignant tumor is discovered in the brain of their gifted daughter (100 mins.)

III DISCOVERY (8)

8:00 Open University 12:00 Cousteau (rpt) 13:00 Theosophy (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Cousteau (rpt) 17:00 Theosophy (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Survival 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Wonders of Weather 22:00 Rustan and Lyudmilla — opera by Glinita performed by the San Fransisco and Kirov Operas 1:30 Open University Open University

SLIPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News with Torn Brokaw 7:30 ITN World News 8:00 Today 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Adventures 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Baseball 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with Greg Kinnear

STAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 6:30 Nanny and the Professor 7:00 Mr. Belvedere 7:30 Burt Wolf's Menus 8:00 E TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Wirthrey 12:00 Remingion Steele 13:00 Burt Wolf's Menus 13:30 E TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turties 14:30 Black Beauty 15:00 Lost in Space 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Charles in Charge 17:00 M'A'S'H 17:30 21 Jump Street 18:30 The X-Fies 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 The Twilight Zone 21:30 Beverly Hills 90:210 22:30 The Fall Guy 23:30 El TV 00:00 Cprah Wirthrey 1:00 Hooperman 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Suffivans

E CHANNEL 5

8:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 18:30 Dangerous Games (rpt) 17:00 Game to Order: European soccer (rpt) 18:00 New American

Soccer League 19:00 Dangerous Games 19:30 Car Crazy 20:00 To be announced 21:00 Boxing 22:00 Larger than Life – sumo 23:00 Game to Order South American so-cer 00:00 Soccer from Holland: The Supercup – Ajax vs PSW

E EUROSPORT

9:30 Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix (rpt) 11:00 9:30 Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix (rpt) 11:90 Mountain Bikes: European Championships, France (rpt) 12:00 Motor Sports Magazine 14:30 Recreational 1 Magazine 14:00 Motorcycles Magazine 14:30 Recreational Sports Magazine 15:00 Mountain Bikes: World Cup, Austria 15:30 Mountain Bikes: European Championships, France – heats 16:00 Truck Racing 17:00 Golf: PGA German Open 19:00 Boxing 20:00 Tennis: Marcedes Super 9 ATP tournament, Canada – ive 00:00 Boxing 1:00 Rowing Magazine 1:30 Motorcycles Magazine 2:00 Formula 1 Magazine

III PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Tennis: Canadian Open — final (pt) 8:00 Cricket: World Championships, Britain — final 13:30 Beach Soccer. Pro tour, Holland 14:30 Asia Sports Show 15:00 Chinese League Soccer 15:30 WWF Wrestlemania 16:30 Classic Soccer Games 18:30 Thai Boxing 19:30 Futbol Mondial 20:00 PGA Golf 22:00 Badminton: Malaysian Open 2:00 Thei Boxing

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M VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Beethoven: 12 Variations on a theme from "Judas Maccabaeus" (Maisky/ Argerich); Schubert Cello Quintet in C Mejor (Lasalie/ Harrell); Schnittke: Viola Concerto, Janacelc Violin Sonata (Kremer/ Argerich); Berfioz: Harold in Italy op 16; Strauss/ Schonberg: "Kalser Waltz" and "Roses of the South" transcribed for striker contert. 12:00 Notes with Circles. Waltz\* and "Roses of the South" transcribed for string quartet. 12:00 Noon with Gloeon Hod — familier music and quiz 14:06 Summer Days 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Tarint: Solo Violin Sonata. (Blondi); Hesse: Regulem in C Major; Mozart: Quartet K 421 (Mosaic); Schubert: Five Songs from "Die Schone Mulierin" 18:00 New CDs 20:05 From the Recording Studio - Isadora Roytman and Ophira Zakai, lutes Late Renaissance music from England and flaty by Dowland, Daniel, Robinson and others. 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sizers 23:00 The Art of the Song

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12 Vibration effects seen on car repair (9)

17 Worker in an American textile mill (3)

around quietly to investigate (7)

23 Reprobate, one on an allowance (6)

organisation's horse (6)

13 Unequivocal order (6)

19 Driers about right for down-to-earth use (7) 20 Little crawler going

21 Returning a gift can cause depression (3)

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

27 A ship comes in with their consent (9) 28 The more demanding boy (6)

29 Show nothing of 31 (9) 30 Unofficial smoking jacket? (6)

31 New Testament account

taking her outside (6)

5 Poles accommodating a fly

DOWN

2 Female animal—a point if 3 People not backing a

French resort (6) 4 All the fractures could

14 The right of eminent directors (9) 15 Caught over revised rate in the repository (9) 16 Got well insured again (9)

17 Like cash for a venomous

creature (3) 18 Small bird in its nest-it's newly-hatched (3) 22 Popular way 17 across makes up time (7)

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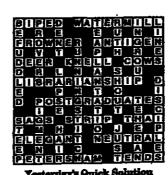
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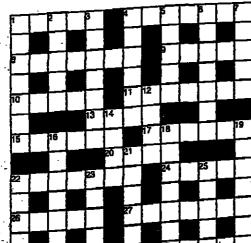


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Unison.

DOWN: 1 Serape, 2 Undergo, 3 Canoodle, 4 Eme, 5 Gogol, 6 Sherry.

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20 Sea-eagle (4) 22 Prohibited (7) 24 Unadorned (5)

26 Legal defence (5)

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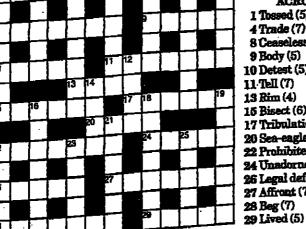
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## Non-Zionist youth groups to get funding

ZIONISM will continue to be one of the criteria for government funding of youth groups, but non-Zionist groups will nevertheless be funded, according to a compromise worked out by the Knesset Education Committee yesterday.

The committee met to discuss Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's recommendation that advo-cacy of Zionism be dropped from the list of criteria which youth movements must meet to obtain government funding. Ben-Yair said this criterion was discriminatory and might not stand up in court, since it prevented many Arab youth groups from getting funding, and certain haredi groups as well. The committee agreed unani-

mously that ways must be found to give these groups equal funding. However, those MKs present also unanimously opposed dropping the criterion of Zionism.

"Erasing [this criterion] would send the wrong message," said committee chairman Emanuel Zissman (Third Way). "Keeping Zionism in the list of criteria is a moral and national achievement." The Education Ministry also

strongly opposed dropping Zionism from the list. Ministry Director-General Ben-Zion Dal said it would be especially ironic to remove Zionism from the list of criteria now, since the coming school year is the 100th anniversary of the founding of modern

According to the compromise worked out by the committee, the criteria will remain unchanged. However, a new funding category will be created which will enable non-Zionist groups to receive money as well. The Education Ministry and the Attorney-General's Office are to come up with the wording for this new cate-

gory within 48 hours.

Meanwhile, even those youth groups which were eligible for funding under the old criteria have so far not gotten any money, because, though the old criteria had expired, the ministry refused to approve Ben-Yair's proposed new criteria. As a result, there were no criteria at all, so no funds could be disbursed. Once the new wording is approved, these groups will finally be able to get their money.

## Police deny political pressure to stop mafia deportations

deporting dozens of mafia members from the Commonwealth of Independent States operating in Israel, that was slated for last spring, was called off for unknown reasons,

Former internal security minister Moshe Shahal (Labor) said yesterday. Shahal said he himself did not know why the operation was called off but that the public had the right to know.

He said that a decision to carry out the deportation was made by police, with the approval and cooperation of the interior and justice ministries, in January or

The former minister was commenting on media reports yesterday that revealed that the planned. operation had been called off because of concerns in the Labor Party that it would hurt their election chances by angering immigrants from the CIS. Russian

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The police spokesman, in a statement, strongly denied the media reports.

The reports "are not based on the facts," the spokesman said. "Over the past several months, several persons connected with international crime have been deported, when legal and operational considerations allowed it.

"There are also several persons awaiting deportation, and these cases are being taken care of. There has been absolutely no connection in the entire affair with political pressure," the spokesman said in a statement.

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Yossi Feldman (holding picture of the original house) and demonstrators talk yesterday with MK Rehavam Ze'evi at the Stern House

## Herzl's old home to be moved

THE Stern House - a historic 19th century building just outside the Old City's Jaffa Gate where Theodore Herzl made his home when he visited Jerusalem - is being moved, and that has preser-

vationists up in arms. "Beit Stern is being destroyed, and what for? Because all they are concerned about is money," said Yossi Feldman, director of the Council for the Preservation of Historic Sites in Israel, at a protest yesterday outside the building in the old Mamilla neighborhood. Developers, however, said the

preservationists were crying wolf.
"All the historic buildings, including Stern House, in Mamilla are being taken apart so they can be moved and then rebuilt," said Haim Albaldes, director of the Mamilla Development Project.

Albaldes said the historic buildings would rebuilt within the commercial area and promenade that is nized by the council and the

Nature. The two-story building at No. 18 now under construction in the upper section of Mamilla, and that

ago by the High Court. "I honestly don't know why they have come here to protest." Albaides said.

the move was upheld several years

The small protest, which for the most part involved getting passersby to sign a petition against the alleged destruction, was orgaSociety for the Preservation of

Mamilla Street was built by the Stem family at the end of the 19th century, with the ground floor used by the father as a store and upstairs as the family's residence.

The room is the home in which Herzl stayed in 1898 had been kept for years as a semi-shrine to the Zionist leader, but has been destroyed in the renovations now

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Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, the jack of hearts, the eight of diamonds, and the eight of clubs.

## Rabinovich bids farewell to Jewish leaders

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**NEW YORK** 

AMID warm and humorous references to the rebelliousness of the Jewish community, Israeli Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich said good-bye to New York on

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American

Jewish Organizations, commended Rabinovich for handling the verbal and vegetable assaults that came with the territory," a reference to the often passionate and physical opposition that envoys of the Labor government faced in many of their New York

earances. The reception for Rabinovitch largely overlooked the serious strains between Israel and the organized Jewish community, which was often chided for what was seen as its laxity in embracing the peace process and for its failure to rein in groups that lobbied on Capitol Hill against the Labor government's policies.

Rabinovitch served during a stunning period in US-Israeli relations - one that was free of tensions between Jerusalem and Washington, said Kenneth Bialkin, one of the former chairmen of the Presidents Conference. Instead, "the problem was right here in the Jewish community; the problem of dealing with a fractious, concerned Jewish community," Bialkin said. He commended Rabinovitch

for retaining his "equanimity." The ambassador called the American Jewish community "our most important asset," and said that "managing" this relationship is an important task for the government and the state of

Israel. Further, although the agenda of that relationship is "driven by the contemporary pressing [political] issues," he said, there needs to be a broader dialogue between Israel and American Jews.

In remarks largely devoid of politics, however, he also warned the American Jewish community that the next few months will be "trying," and there will be pressures on the community to take sides.

Diplomatic to the end, he did not elaborate.

#### Officials prefer go-slow approach with Arrow

**STEVE RODAN** 

ISRAELI officials yesterday urged that the Arrow 2 program continue as scheduled, despite the suggestion of the program's US director that, given another successful launch, the two countries can skip future tests and concentrate on deployment of the antimissile defense system.

We are trying to take a sober look at the situation, even though we are pleased with the success." a defense source said.

Defense sources appeared to pour cold water on the idea of fasttracking the project, despite the aim of officials to complete the system by the end of the century. We don't think that one or two launches would be enough to complete this stage of tests," one

source said. Hours after the Arrow 2 interception of a target missile on Tuesday, US project manager Joseph Butler had said that, if the next Arrow succeeds, then Israel and the US should drop the remaining two launches scheduled and focus all their efforts on developing a complete anti-mis-

sile defense system.

The US has agreed to fund \$40 million for five years starting in 1997 for the completion of the Arrow system. Meanwhile, the Israel Air Force Journal reports that two Arrow

anti-missile defense batteries are being prepared for deployment within the next few years. The magazine says the first bat-

tery will be deployed by 1999 but remain experimental, operated by the Air Force's anti-aircraft batteries only in times of emergency. The second battery will be

deployed in the middle of the next decade, the magazine reports. This battery will seek to complement the first station and will be used to protect northern Israel from a ballistic missile attack.

The magazine also reports that IAI subsidiary Elta's radar, Green Pine, will be integrated into the development of the Nautilus laser anti-rocket defense.

The introduction of the radar comes as preparations begin for the next round of tests of the laser system.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Environment officials, PA counterparts meet

Environment officials, led by Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen, met yesterday with Palestinian Authority representatives to set the agenda for future discussions on various issues.

These included the planned Palestinian airport, the building of a flour mill in Gaza, and the handling of solid waste and sewage in Judea and Samaria.

. It was also agreed that an emergency line of communication would be established to deal with situations that required the urgent attention of one or both sides.

Jerusalem Post Staff

30 rescued in fire on Golan

More than 1,000 dunams of natural forest, including rare vegetation, went up in flames yesterday in the Yehudiya nature reserve on Golan Heights. Some 30 hikers who were in the reserve had to be rescued. Fire-engines and spray planes joined in to combat the blaze, the cause of which is not yet clear.

Two Lod men indicted for boy's murder

A Lod man, Salah Saliman, 43, and his son, Ali, 20, were charged by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday with the murder of a 13-year-old from Tel Sheva during a clan feud in the town.

According to the indictment, on July 24 a brawl broke out between Ali Saliman and Yasser Eltouri over a long-standing dispute. The women of the Eltouri family broke up the fight, and Ali said he would come back

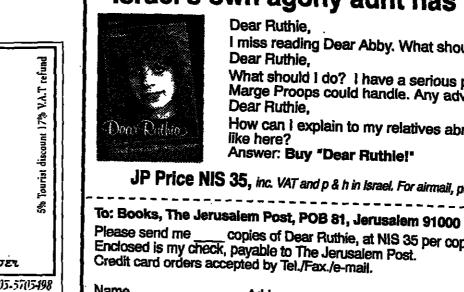
later and kill everyone, the charges said. That night Ali and his father came back in a jeep to the Eltouri home.

They got out of the vehicle and shot at a group of women and children standing outside. As a result, the boy, Fares Julan, who was visiting the neighborhood, was killed. Eltouri's wife and baby were also injured.

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